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115 DIE AS GUERRILLAS HIT ARGENTINA BASES

500 gunmen launch savage attacks

NOS AIRES. — About 115 ons were killed in fierce ur- warfare after guerrillas tried eize an army arsenal in the nos Aires area on Tuesday t and attacked other points ivert security forces.

out 500 guerrillas are believed ve taken part in the attack.

official army communique about 100," guerrillas were Reporters counted at least oung women among the dead. litary sources stated that eight rs and policemen were killed. other victims were civilians. e deaths brought to at least the number of persons killed olitical violence in Argentina g 1975.

e Marxist People's Revolution- Army (ERP) said in a clan- ne communique that its forces responsible for the raids, and ed that the guerrillas had held arsenal briefly. There was evi- that the leftist Peronist Mon- os also took part in the at-

e army called in helicopter ships, which used powerful lights while firing on the illas. Jet aircraft made obser- n swoops during the fighting. ter clashes continued yesterday a large area of south Buenos Aires and of the southern suburbs of Avellaneda and Lanus,, where guerrillas were chased and cornered in slum residential and industrial areas.

Security forces were operating under new orders that there should be no wounded or captured, according to reliable military sources.

News photos taken with powerful telephoto lenses showed a group of what appeared to be prisoners being loaded into an army truck at the arsenal. The army communique made no mention of arrests, and when asked about the pictures, an army spokesman said: "We have no comment for the moment."

The sources said they thought it was the first major joint assault of the Marxist guerrillas and the left-wing Peronist Montoneros, two groups which have worked separately for ideological reasons. It was the largest operation since terrorists first appeared here in the late 1960s.

Simultaneously, paid newspaper advertisements appeared in Latin American and world captials attributed to the Montoneros saying Argentina was "heading dizzily toward civil war.'

The first attacks came about 8 o'clock on Tuesday night with a frontal assault in stolen cars on an arsenal defended by about 500 men, in Monte Chingolo, about 24 miles south of the city centre.

Raids were carried out at the same time on an infantry regiment in La Plata, farther south, and a series of police stations between the arsenal and the bridges into the main part of the city.

Surrounding houses were evacuated as the troops pursued escaping attackers.

The entire Cabinet presented their resignations to President Isabel Peron yesterday, but she refused to accept them, expressing her full confidence in the eight ministers.

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Golda Meir: No value to guarantees

Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Former Prime Minister Golda Meir yesterday dismissed the value of U.S. guarantees in an overall Israel-Arab Middle East peace settlement, arguing that Israel should rely on itself.

During an interview televised over NBC's "Today" show, Mrs. Meir also said that history had shown that Soviet guarantees are meaningless, and that Israel should not rely on them either in order to withdraw back to the 1967 borders.

Rabinowitz plays down tax fears

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz yesterday tried to deflate the bogey, of big brother taxman peering over every taxpayer's shoulder.

Replying to an urgent motion for the agenda by Shmuel Tamir (Likud-Free Centre) which was voted to Committee, the Minister said the three new forms prepared by the Income Tax Commissioner for taxpayers to declare what property they had bought and sold during the year ,were "not for everybody." Their purpose was to enable the taxman to check in depth the returns of a sample of a few thousand taxpayers, and verify if the declarations there were correct.

The new forms did not impair the rights of the individual in any way, Rabinowitz said. Every taxpayer had to be ready to fill out the forms in case he were included in the sample, he said. Every taxpayer had to make a true declaration of income.

He several times stressed that in the United States far more detailed questions were asked about a taxpayer's capital and purchases once he had been selected by sample for an in depth examination. Israel did not plan to go to such extremes, he said.

Rabinowitz said there was no point in protesting about the extent of tax-dodging in Israel and the magnitude of black money in the economy, if there was no readiness to take counter-measures.

The details collected in the three questionnaires would be kept secret, he promised.

Shmuel Tamir said in his motion that the Government had lied to the Knesset Speaker and to the entire House when it denied the existence of the tax forms. Cabinet Secretary Gershon Avner, whose probity was above question, had been instructed to tell a lie, he charged.

It was irrelevant that the forms would be filled out by a sample number of taxpayers only, Tamir said. In fact, every taxpayer in Israel, and his dependents, would have to keep a note of everything he bought or sold, which was covered by the forms, just in case his name were included in the probe.

The citizens of Israel were being subjected to one harsh decree after another on the domestic front, he complained, as if they did not have enough to harass them from the outside.

The Treasury was not intending to bear down any harder on the wealthy, Tamir charged. It got along well enough with the big ca-

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Leaks to harm 'special Israeli ties,' U.S. warns

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — American officials, angered over recent Israeli press leaks, are bluntly warning that the traditional "special relationship" that has developed over the years between the U.S. and Israel may seriously be endangered if Israeli officials continue to leak confidential diplomatic exchanges.

President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger and other senior American officials are described here as especially concerned over the nature of the latest press leak, involving President Ford's diplomatic message to Rabin some weeks ago opposing additional settlements on the Golan Heights.

The Americans, who believe that the President was justified in making the U.S. position clear to Israel, are doubly angered: first, that Rabin found it necessary to return the message in protest, and second that this information was disclosed *in the Israeli press.*

The President and his advisers regard Rabin's returning of the message as a virtual "slap in the face," an over-reaction by the Rabin government. Historically, it is extremely rare that friendly nations return diplomatic messages, considered an extreme act.

Rabin's decision to return the message would have been bad enough in straining U.S.-Israeli relations, political observers here noted yesterday, but the fact that someone in Rabin's government leaked the information to the press has further complicated the situation.

Administration sources believe that this leak could even be considered a provocation, especially coming as it did just prior to the start of the forthcoming presidential election campaign in the U.S. Ford and his political advisers are very sensitive to Israel's influence in U.S. domestic politics, and potential weakening of the President's popularity among American voters if a serious strain in U.S.-Israeli ties is publicized.

The Americans are concerned that such a development could have an impact in support for Ford among Israel's many supporters here, both Jewish and non-Jewish.

Although the exact contents of the Ford message are not known, the Preisdent is believed to have pointed out what Kissinger said publicly on Tuesday. Kissinger, at a press conference, warned that "the creation of new settlements on the Golan Heights and elsewhere complicates the diplomatic process," a long-standing U.S. position.

During a hastily-arranged meeting with Ambassador Dinitz on Monday evening, following this latest Israeli press leak, Kissinger was described as irate, and issued a strong protest. Earlier on Monday, the Administration took the very unusual step of issuing a public protest. The State Department spokesman told reporters that President Ford strongly deplores Israel's "constant leakage of most confidential information."

ADDED STRAIN

The already-sharp strain in U.S.-Israeli relations because of the latest press leak was further exacerbated on Tuesday when Kissinger warned against not only additional settlements on the Golan Heights, but other places as well.

Some observers here yesterday said that Kissinger's "and elsewhere" statement was primarily intended to refer to the proposed settlement at Sebastia on the West Bank, and should not have been interpreted in the Israeli press as a confirmation that the Administration necessarily favoured an Israeli withdrawal back to the pre-1967 borders with only minor adjustments. These observers pointed out that Kissinger and other American officials have long opposed the controversial Sebastia settlement, and have made this position well-known to Israel.

But American officials here, when asked yesterday about Kis-

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Allon stresses again: No talks with PLO

By ASHER WALLFISH
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

Foreign Minister Yigal Allon said yesterday that Israel's line regarding the PLO was quite unambiguous: there would be no negotiations with the terrorist organisations in any forum and there would be no participation in the Geneva Conference if representatives of those organisations were invited.

The Minister was replying to a motion for the agenda by Yedidia Be'eri (Likud-Liberals) which was voted to the Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee.

Allon said that Israel's prospects of presenting the world a convincing case against the PLO would not be furthered by ignoring the existence of a Palestine identity. On the contrary, they would be furthered by recognising the problem and trying to seek constructive solutions to it. The Cabinet on July 21 1974, had already recorded its awareness that "independent self-expression for the Palestinians" was an issue.

He said it would only be possible to reach a constructive solution, "by working out a just and positive answer in the context of peace with Israel's eastern neighbour." Ignoring the problem would not weaken the PLO, but strengthen it, albeit unintentionally, in the Arab world as well as the world at large.

Proof of this, he said, is that there are states which contend that a solution must be found for the Palestine problem, as they conceive it, yet agree with Israel that the PLO is not a partner for negotiation. Their attitude would be different, and more negative as far as Israel was concerned, if Israel simply turned a blind eye to the problem.

Allon said that the PLO's demonstrative successes in international organisations did not mean that Israel's case was not just and its information line incorrect. The successes stemmed from a combination of negative factors which nowadays characterise the entire international arena: surrender to Arab terror and oil extortion, lack of fibre, selfish considerations, and sometimes genuine or pretended naivety.

Be'eri said in his motion that Israel's information campaign ought to stress that the Middle East dis-

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Allon to U.S. from Jan. 7-8

WASHINGTON. — Foreign Minister Yigal Allon will have talks here on January 7 and 8 with Secretary of State Kissinger and other U.S. officials before the UN Security Council debate on the Middle East, the State Department said yesterday.

"We look forward to the talks, which are in keeping with our close ties with Israel, and our consultations about the forthcoming Security Council debate," it added.

Violent Christmas prospect for Lebanon

Middle East Affairs Correspondent

anese hopes for a Christmas t night" were yesterday blight- the sudden new outbreak of ian violence during which r fire and explosions rever- d across Beirut and the north. hting in Beirut was mounted ftists wishing to foil current nment efforts to introduce rate political reforms which restore authority to the tra- al establishment shared on an basis by Christians and Mos- The leftists were understood supported now more actively he Palestine Liberation Or- ation which Christian leaders ed on Monday with "over- ention" in Lebanon's internal s.

urity circles yesterday reported some 100 persons were kid- d during the past 24 hours, y at "flying roadblocks" set leftist forces.

mier Rashid Karami yesterday ted that the government was nger able to contain the de- ating situation. He noted that out means" having been made available to the country's 15,000-man army "we have not been able to guarantee security."

It was not clear by last night whether the Lebanese authorities would ask for foreign aid, mainly from Damascus, which, however, appeared to fear that intervention on its part might lead to Israeli counter-measures.

Gunbattles were yesterday reported to have flared in the northern port city of Tripoli. One of the battles there was said to have broken out near Premier Karami's family home. Preliminary reports indicated that the clash occurred between Karami's supporters in the Arab Liberation Party and PLO elements disguised as members of a government-appointed security patrol. Police spokesmen in Tripoli said that four men including two PLO members were killed in the battle for the Karami villa.

A spokesman for PLO chief Yasser Arafat said that the latter had later apologized for the incident, claiming that his men were ordered to guard Karami's home "as if it were Arafat's own house."

Xmas groups throng Bethlehem

By ANAN SAFADI
Jerusalem Post Reporter

BETHLEHEM. — A crisp mountain breeze last night enveloped this hilltop town as thousands of local Christians and pilgrims celebrated Christmas inside and outside the 800-year-old Church of Nativity which houses the marble-lined grotto revered as the birthplace of Jesus.

A midnight mass — transmitted by satellite to various parts of the world — was preceded by a massive Christmas pageant of pealing church bells, local and foreign choirs and recorded hymns.

The Ministry of Tourism reported that the largest number of pilgrims in nine years gathered last night at Manger Square, which is a parking lot most of the time but becomes a festive setting, glittering with tinsel and silver strings, for Christmas. Hundreds of the pilgrims solemnly observed the mass relayed from St. Catherine's Church inside the Basilica of the Nativity to the square via a huge outdoor television screen.

Bright sunshine flooded the square for the early afternoon arrival yesterday of the Latin Patriarch, Msgr. Beltritti, from his residence in the Old City of Jerusalem. Following his reception by high-ranking military government and police officials and city leaders, the Patriarch went into the Basilica in a dazzling procession led by scores of monks and scouts wearing multi-colour uniforms. In the background, the local Salesian band played "O Come All Ye Faithful."

Bethlehem, which was closed to ordinary traffic, was under the

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Special UN session asked over terror

UNITED NATIONS. — Two Latin American countries decided yesterday to file early in January their request for UN action against international terrorism.

Venezuela and Colombia indicated they planned to ask for a special session of the General Assembly to deal with the problem after the terrorist raid on the Vienna headquarters of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries.

Venezuelan Ambassador Simon Alberto Consalvi met Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim and later said he had a general exchange of views on the problem of international terrorism. They also talked about the possible steps the UN could take to combat terrorism.

(In Jerusalem, Austrian Foreign Minister Erich Bielka told *The Jerusalem Post* he thought "the OPEC affair might influence the Arab states' attitudes to the terrorists."

(Dr. Bielka ended his offical visit yesterday morning and flew with his wife to Eilat for a private holiday.)

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Rumania, Israel differ on Council debate

By DAVID LANDAU
Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israel and Rumania remain at odds over Israel's participation in next month's Security Council debate — despite efforts by each side yesterday to persuade the other of its error. The inconclusive dialogue took place at the Foreign Ministry, between Foreign Minister Yigal Allon and visiting Rumanian Deputy Foreign Minister Cornell Pacoste.

Israel has declared it will not attend the debate if the Palestine Liberation Organization is invited. Rumania will become a member of the Security Council on January 1.

Mr. Pacoste argued that Israel's absence would serve neither its own interests nor the interests of peaceful progress in the region.

He suggested that the PLO's participation in the debate might be seen as tantamount to its indirect recognition of Israel.

Mr. Allon rejected this thesis and explained Israel's wholly negative attitude towards the PLO.

Mr. Allon took up, too, Rumania's membership of the Committee of Twenty — a body set up under a recent pro-PLO resolution of the UN General Assembly to oversee implementation of Palestinian rights. He expressed Israel's grave disappointment that Rumania had seen fit to join the committee, which includes 17 states that have no relations with Israel. He stressed that Israel would not cooperate with the committee.

Mr. Pacoste rehearsed Rumania's oft-stated support for an independent Palestinian state on the West Bank. He urged Israel not to despair of the role of the UN and of the Third World in regional peacemaking.

Earlier yesterday, Mr. Pacoste and his aides discussed bilateral relations with the Foreign Ministry's Director-General, Avraham Kidron. They decided to establish a joint commission on trade, which will hold its first meeting in February.

eng's the man: Mao to Ford

HINGTON (AP). — Chairman Tse-tung made it clear to Pre- Ford during his recent visit ina that senior Vice-Premier Hsiao-ping will be the nation's chief of state, according to a hed report.

umnist Jack Anderson said he btained confidential minutes of ting of Republican congression- ders who were told by Secre- f State Kissinger: "Mao made to President Ford that Teng man."

Premier Chou En-lai, who reportedly is ailing, "seems entirely out of it," Kissinger said, according to Anderson's column, published yesterday.

The President was surprised by Mao's vigour, according to the account. The Chairman is 82. 'I found Chairman Mao much stronger physically than I anticipated, and alert," Ford was quoted as saying.

Teng was deposed during the cultural revolution of the mid-1960s, but restored to power in 1973.

Firm fires rebellious tanker crewmen

By YA'ACOV ARDON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A. — Tanker Service Ltd., wners of the Niuta, held up a fortnight in Baton Rouge, y a merchant navy conflict, day discharged the tanker's crew, ten officers and 17 s, and called them to return

had no choice but to dis- the crew," Tanker Services l-manager Yehoshua Gold- said yesterday, noting that ld-up of the ship in a foreign ad cost hundred of thousands unds.

captain of the Niuta, Haim , and his fellow officers, with stermined backing of the Ma- fficers Union, have refused to the ship on her scheduled e to Europe, unless five rat- whom Harari considered mutinous were removed from the crew. But the five, with the backing of their Seamens' Union, refused to leave the ship and announced they and their fellow ratings would resist by force any attempt to take them ashore.

The officers union, learning of the dismissals, cabled its ten members aboard the Niuta, instructing them to stay put on the ship and to refuse the acceptance of the discharge notices.

At a press conference yesterday union secretary Adam Chisik said, "This is a grave step. The future of the merchant navy is at stake. The five men whose continued service the captain rejects have set up a reign of terror and made threats of violence in the ship. It's intolerable that every man aboard ship does as he pleases..."

He demanded that the five alleged mutineers be called before the disciplinary tribunal being set up under the new shipping law (Seamen).

"The Transport Minister is charged with applying the law and if he will not do that, he should resign," Chisik added.

Another union official, Alon Shapira, a chief mechanic, said the five ratings were guilty of rowdyism and of hindering the captain in exercising command by removing the gangway. "No wage claims were involved. This is not a labour dispute as the ratings assert, and the Histadrut Trade Union Department leaders have agreed with our view. The plain fact is that Government authority is not exercised."

The officers union spokesman charged that the master of the Niuta was threatened with having his face slashed and warned "you have a family back home."

Haifa Labour Council attorney Israel Gil asked why the director of the Ministry's Shipping Division (Capt. Nimrod Eshel), who, under the law is entitled to enforce an interim solution to labour conflicts aboard ships in foreign ports (section 12 of the law) was not using his powers.

Gil noted that although the Transport Minister had announced this week that a tribunal was being set up, it was still not functioning although the Shipping Law (Seamen) required its creation not later than April 1, 1975 and contained no provision for postponing that date.

The dismissal of the entire crew of the Niuta drew no reaction from the Sea ratings' union yesterday whose top officer, Moshe Levy, left for Baton Rouge on Tuesday.

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Golan	35	2—10	3—12
Nahariya	40	4—18	4—18
Safad	53	2— 7	2—10
Haifa Port	49	8—15	8—17
Tiberias	39	7—18	6—19
Nazareth	38	4—12	3—13
Afula	31	4—16	4—17
Shomron	38	4—11	4—12
Tel Aviv	34	8—18	8—19
B.G. Airport	29	4—18	4—19
Jericho	39	4—19	4—20
Gaza	50	6—18	6—18
Beersheba	34	4—17	5—18
Eilat	28	10—30	10—30
Tiran Straits	42	15—22	12—22

Social and Personal

The Swedish Ambassador, Fritz Iwo Dolling, paid a get-acquainted call yesterday on Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin in Jerusalem.

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Alexander Grass, president of the UJA's Israel Education Fund, met yesterday with Finance Minister Yehoshua Rabinowitz and Education Minister Aharon Yadlin in Jerusalem.

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The fact-finding mission of the Great Britain and Northern Ireland Mizrachi Women's Organization yesterday toured the Neve Sarah Herzog vocational high school in Bnai Brak. Later in the day they attended the cornerstone-laying for a new day-care centre in Netanya's Kiryat Nordau.

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Johannesburg Mayor Max Leonard Nepe and Mrs. Nepe on Monday visited Tel Aviv University, where they met with the university's deputy board-chairman, Yosef Carmel, and with Physics Department chairman Asher Gottesman.

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The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hear Zim general manager Yehuda Rotem at its weekly meeting today, ZOA House, 1.15.

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Dr. Leon Shelef of Tel Aviv University will speak (in English) on "Victimology — The Study of Victims of Crime," ZOA House, Tel Aviv, 8.30 this evening.

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GOLDEN WEDDING

Lilian and Gaalya Cornfeld, of Tel Aviv, will celebrate their Golden Wedding on December 27, 1975.

Histadrut seeking IL220 pay increase

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The Histadrut is expected to demand a IL220 monthly increase in the minimum wage, from IL887.46 to IL1,100, a well-informed source told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday.

Shmuel Zetelny of the Trade Union Department said the IL220 increase, if not more, would be included in all wages.

Negotiations on new labour agreements in the production sector begin tomorrow.

The coordinating Bureau of Economic Organizations proposed that part of the profits from the increase in productivity be given to all workers while other parts are allocated on the basis of profitability in each branch and enterprise. However, a wage freeze in the service sector was suggested.

The Histadrut proposed that collective agreements stipulate minimum wages, maximum wage increases and the broad outlines for social benefits. The exact extent of the wage increases should be negotiated in each branch and enterprise.

Naftali Ushpiz, a Labour Party member of the Central Committee, said he expected wage increases would range from five to seven per cent. Naftali Ben-Moshe, a Mapam member, who mooted a 10 per cent increase in the production sector plus a share in the enterprises' profits, suggested a six to seven per cent wage increase in the services sector.

The Histadrut's demand for an across-the-board wage increase is opposed by the employers and the Government who favour a wage freeze in the service sector (but would allow increases in the Cost-of-Living allowance).

Prof. Michael Bruno, the Finance Minister's adviser, told the Trade Union Department here on Tuesday that a five per cent wage increase in the public sector would involve another IL1b. in the budget. But Uriel Abramowicz, chairman of the department, said that 35 per cent of that would immediately return to the Government in the form of income tax.

Ben-Moshe argued yesterday that the increased revenue from income tax would exceed the cost of the payroll, because the tax would be collected from all wage earners.

Dov Lautman, who will head the employers' delegation, told *The Post* that wage increases for production workers would be smaller if the Histadrut insists that employees in the service sector also get raises. He explained that higher wages would be offered in the production sector to attract workers. A similar increase in the service sector would defeat that aim, he stressed.

Another point of contention will be the duration of the new agreement. The employers want four years, but the Histadrut wants new negotiations after two years.

Lautman suggested that negotiations over the wage agreements in the production sector be postponed to April. The current agreements in that sector expire next Thursday, but he wanted to discuss new agreements together with negotiations over the contracts in the service sector expiring on April 1.

The Histadrut opposed this. An increase in the C-o-L allowance is due then and Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel said he suspected that the employers would utilize it as an excuse to give smaller wage increases.

AT THE PASSING-OUT parade which concluded the first course for officers of the army's new Maintenance Corps, Tat-Aluf Pinhas Lahav, corps commander, pins the officer's insignia on one of the two outstanding cadets, Yoram Amitai. The other was Edwin Saroussi. The new corps combines the Supply Corps and the various maintenance units. (Photo by Michal Liron-Rotem)

Protecting bird is new emblem of Civil Guard

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SAFAD. — The Civil Guard is to have its own emblem — the griffon, referred to in the Bible as the bird that "stirreth up her nest, fluttereth over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings" (Deuteronomy 32:2).

Civil Guard Commander Mulla Cohen cited the biblical verse at the Rotary Club here on Tuesday as the source that had prompted the choice of the emblem. "The Civil Guard watches over the people like the griffon (Nesher) over its young. Wherever the Guard is watching, there has been less protection-racket violence, less rowdyism, less housebreaking and fewer thefts," he said.

He cited, as an illustration of what the Guard means, a mother in a border town who during an alarm had hidden with her children in the closet. She now stands guard outside her home with a carbine rifle, which she is trained to shoot.

He thought there was no army in the world that combated terrorists with such success as did that of Israel.

Schwester Selma, 'Time' saint

Jerusalem Post Reporter

SCHWESTER SELMA Mayer, 91, of Jerusalem's Shaare Zedek Hospital, is mentioned as the only representative of Judaism in this week's "Time" magazine cover story on "Saints Among Us." The article reviews contemporary examples of saints and saintliness among all religions, with the emphasis on Catholics and other Christian denominations.

Saying that Jews do not talk of saints, but prize the *zaddik*, the "righteous person," the article includes head nurse Selma among such. Coming to Jerusalem from Hamburg in 1916, *Schwester* Selma has devoted her life to the care of the sick here ever since.

Hospital chiefs warn against staff cuts

By ERNIE MEYER
Jerusalem Post Reporter

CUTTING HOSPITAL administrative staffs by 300 will reduce the level of health services "dangerously," lead to the closing of hospital departments and may induce doctors and nurses to quit.

This dire warning was sounded yesterday by the directors of three Government Hospitals, the deputy chairman of the Association of Doctors in Government Hospitals, and the chairman of the National Association of Hospital Workers.

They had called a press conference in Jerusalem — with the approval of the Health Ministry — to warn that the insistence of the Finance Ministry on reducing the number of administrative workers at Government Hospitals "would be the straw to break the camel's back."

The hospital directors were unanimous in their opinion that the less than IL15m. which the elimination of about 300 jobs would save, could be found within the Health Ministry budget — without asking one pound in additional funds.

Prof. Arie Harel of the Tel Aviv Government-Municipal Medical Centre said that the absence of one orderly whose job it is to wheel patients from the emergency room could reduce the efficience of five doctors working there. "These doctors can only admit new patients to the room as earlier ones, already attended to, are taken to the wards," he pointed out.

Prof. Harel said that dropping living standards are already influencing people's health. "Instead of paying and going to a private doctor, people go to clinics, with the resulting delay in treatment this may involve," he said.

The director of Yafo's Donolo Hospital, Dr. Mordechai Ravid, said that Israel has only 3.2 hospital beds per 1,000 of population, compared with a 6:1,000 ratio in Europe. The size of medical and administrative staff in Israel is 1.5 per bed, while in European countries it is close to three per bed.

Our level of service is the same or sometimes higher than that in European countries, yet we achieve this with about half the number of hospital beds and staff. "This proves that we are relatively efficient," he said. "But we work close to the limit of what is possible and there is no play left," he warned gravely.

In answer to a question Dr. Ravid said that the proportion of purely medical staffs to administrative and household staffs here is 75 to 25. In Europe the proportion is often 60 to 40.

Gov't may end tax benefit for approved enterprises

By SRAYA SHAPIRO
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The investment policy the Government is considering for next year does away with tax reductions for approved enterprises, Minister of Commerce and Industry Haim Bar-Lev revealed in the Alignment Economic Committee meeting here yesterday.

The moving idea behind the reform is to cut investments in enterprises which serve local consumption and to help industries producing for export.

Bar-Lev admitted the new policy will reduce incentives to set up new industries in development areas and will offer no advantages to enterprises using their profits to foster their own activities.

According to the Treasury draft income tax on approved development enterprises will be up to 52 per cent (from 40 per cent at present) during the first two years and then rise to 61 per cent. The Commerce Ministry suggests that industries in development areas should benefit from a reduction of 10 to five per cent.

Bar-Lev also stated that, in the past five years, private investment decreased from 59 to 27 per cent of total investments, while Histadrut-backed investments increased from 13 to 31 per cent. The rest was sponsored by the Government.

Meir Amit, general manager of Koor, the Histadrut controlled industrial concern, advised the authorities to separate the issue of investments from general financial policy in order to reduce complications. He said the Government could extend the present law by three months to July 1. The new law should give clear preference to industrial investments, he said.

The fact that equipment is not fully used does not often depend on management or lack of markets, Amit said. In one or two factories, he said, the workers refused to take split shifts so that the very expensive machinery would be used around the clock, because they insisted on having their meals together.

The Economics Committee, chaired by Aharon Becker, will meet again to hear the Minister of Finance on the issue.

WZO rapped for loose supervision

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

INADEQUATE SUPERVISION over large sums of money and some employees was among the chief complaints made against World Zionist Organization department heads by the WZO comptroller in his report for 1973-4 released yesterday.

The 18th annual report, presented to the late WZO Executive chairman Pinhas Sapir last June by Meir Ben-Zion Meiri, had harsh words for each of the massive organization's 11 departments, divisions, bureaux and institutes. Reacting to the report, several department heads said that many of the faults listed in the 182-page document have "been corrected or are in the process of being corrected."

The Organization and Information Department, headed by Avraham Schenker and granted over IL13m. for expenditures for the year 1973-74, took the most criticism. Twenty-one of the 29 Zionist Federations around the world which receive funds and guidance from the department had not issued any financial reports on the allocations, which totalled millions of pounds. Several federations had not drawn up a predefined expenditure budget, the comptroller wrote.

The department's emissaries have not submitted final reports in writing when they completed their service abroad, and the department has "no information on the nature of the actual expenditure of sums for maintaining offices abroad."

Thousands of copies of books published by the department piled up, unsold and undistributed, in storerooms because the public had never heard of them or had no interest in their subjects.

The comptroller discovered that, during the time of his survey, emissaries sent by the Youth and Hehalutz Department were often unable to converse fluently in the language of the country where they were sent, since no minimum language requirement had been set down. Neither were there "defined, written criteria for accepting candidates" for service abroad.

There was inadequate supervision at Kiryat Moria, the complex of buildings completed by the WZO three years ago for emissaries going abroad. Employees lived at the centre free of charge, without signing contracts as required under department regulations.

The Young Leadership Division, headed by Uri Gordon, (which spent IL511,000 during the period discussed), was characterized as having "no clear work programmes or priorities" for its work in Israel and abroad. The comptroller noted that employees at the Jerusalem office do not record their attendance as required.

He wrote that the Bialik Institute, established in 1935 as a national literary institute, spent money "out of all proportion" to the price for ordinary printing of books, and that sometimes the contract was signed with the printer after the work had actually begun.

A leak that may open channels

THE PUBLIC and the press have learned details of the report by the World Zionist Organization's internal comptroller (above) before the body to which he is responsible — the Zionist General Council — has received its copies.

This odd circumstance occurred because someone with access to the report sent it to an Israel Radio reporter. When the disclosures hit the air waves yesterday, WZO Acting Executive chairman Arye Dulzin instructed that copies be sent immediately to all reporters in the field — 10 days before its scheduled release at the Council plenum.

Dulzin said he had no idea who had leaked the report. "But it isn't a secret anyway," he explained. "It was completed in June, and submitted to the Permanent Budget and Finance Committee in accordance with WZO regulations. Copies were also sent to the various departments under control and to the Executive for comments." Their observations, plus reports of faults that had been corrected, were included in the final 182-page report. That document, bound in a blue softcover, will be presented to the 110-member ZGC on January 4.

A number of officials in the WZO have advocated publication of the report as soon as possible after the comptroller prepares it every year, so that strong machinery can be set up which would follow it up immediately.

Mordechai Bar-On, head of the Youth and Hechalutz Department, said the report was "marvellous in its detail and findings. I run a large office and it's impossible to know everything that goes on. Learning what's wrong helps us change direction and correct faults when we find them."

The Jewish Agency's comptroller report, however, is not released to the press and public. It is only for the eyes of the 40-member Board of Governors. *The Jerusalem Post* learned that the possibility of bringing it out into the open — as is the practice for reports by the State Comptroller and the WZO comptroller — is being discussed by a committee headed by Michael Sacher of London. The committee may decide to speed up the process of reporting on the departments in the Jewish Agency, rather than presenting a complete but out-of-date report to the Board of Governors months after it is completed.

This latest leak is expected to press the Jewish Agency leaders to take such steps.

Poll shows majority for 'crisis cabinet'

A Dahaf telephone poll this week found opinion running two-to-one in favour of Ariel Sharon's proposal that a 10-man emergency government representing all parties be set up for the "crisis year" of 1976.

The polling organization gave the results as follows: In favour — 53.8 per cent; against — 26.8 per cent; can't decide — 11.2 per cent; unfamiliar with the subject — 8.2 per cent.

The question was asked of 500 telephone subscribers in Jerusalem, Greater Tel Aviv, Haifa and Beersheba. Dahaf says it knows that a telephone poll did not include all levels of the population, but claims it does correctly reflect public opinion.

Canadians here for town-twinning

Jerusalem Post Staff

President Katzir yesterday gave a reception in Jerusalem for delegations from the Canadian city of Lachine and from Holon, which is to become Lachine's sister-city in an official celebration on December 29.

The 90-strong group from the Quebec-province city is headed by Mayor Guy Descary and by Quebec's Minister for Municipal Affairs and the Environment, Victor Goldbloom. It includes many ordinary citizens who won the trip in a raffle held in Lachine. Among them are five couples whose annual income is below $12,000, a blue-collar and a white-collar city employee, and two students.

Lachine, an important industrial centre near Montreal, has a population of 45,000. The delegation will stay in Israel for 10 days.

T.A. Betar, Haifa Maccabi tie 1-1

TEL AVIV. — A National League football game between Tel Aviv Betar and Haifa Maccabi ended in a 1-1 draw last night at Bloomfield Stadium here.

Moshe Adler scored for Maccabi in the 65th minute, and Shraga Topolowski for Betar in the 87th.

Each side now climbs one place in the table — Maccabi to 16th place and Betar to 7th.

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Jail for being 16 years late for army

TEL AVIV. — A 45-year-old man who waited 16 years to report for military service was sentenced to six months in jail.

District Court Judge Binyamin Cohen said he was taking into account the fact that Meir Dudel, who immigrated from Rumania in January, 1959, had reported for induction of his own free will a few months ago. But he ruled it was immaterial that Dudel had not known he was supposed to have reported for a medical examination in May 1959. Two wars had occurred during his time in the country, and he should have known he was obliged to serve, the judge said.

Eight years for throwing burning lamp at wife

HAIFA. — A resident of nearby Kfar Sha'av was sentenced yesterday in the District Court to eight years in prison for hitting his wife with a burning kerosene lamp.

Mouad Ben Mahmoud Hibi, 27, threw the lamp during an argument with his wife in August, last year. Her clothes caught fire, and she suffered severe burns on all parts of the body. She spent two months recovering in Rambam Hospital, and still has considerable scars. *(Itim)*

Ties with U.S. at stake

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singer's statement, would merely say that "the statement speaks for itself," refusing to elaborate.

The whole issue of press leaks and Israeli settlements on the territories has also brought to light the Administration's disappointment in what it regards as a basic weakness in the present Israeli Government's ability to stand up to the Gush Emunim bloc.

Administration officials would have much preferred to see the Rabin government continue its policy of opposing the settlers at Sebastia, which, the Americans feel, will needlessly complicate future negotiations with the Arabs.

State Department sources, which were not seeking to downplay the U.S.-Israeli rift yesterday, pointed out that Israel has itself to blame for this unfortunate development because the press leaks originated in Jerusalem, not Washington. Israel, these sources said, brought the whole issue out into the public, thus seriously complicating it.

The Americans feel that the matter might have been more easily cleared up if it would have remained confidential.

Some observers here yesterday even suggested that Israel consider including press leaks of U.S.-Israel diplomatic notes subject to military censorship because, in the end, Israels security interests are affected. They said that the U.S., which supplies Israel wih considerable military and economic assistance, will be forced to change its attitude towords Israel if such leaks continue.

It was pointed out here yesterday that there is a fundamental difference in the regular leaks by Kissinger and other American officials and the latest Israeli leak of the presidential message, and this is what concerns the Administration.

While the Americans concede that they leak information to the press, they insist that the leaks they provide involve only general guidelines concerning political developments. They argue that confidential diplomatic messages are not revealed.

Israel, on the other hand, "embarrassed" the President and the U.S. Government by leaking the fact that the message was sent, and later returned.

NEWSBRIEFS

THE ENTRANCE plaza to the Interior Ministry building in the Kirya, Jerusalem, was yesterday dedicated in memory of Yitzhak Grunbaum, a leader of Polish Jewry, a member of the Jewish Agency Executive, and Interior Minister in the 1948 Provisional Government. He died in 1970, aged 91. The ceremony was attended by ministers, other public officials, and members of the Grunbaum family.

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FOREST FIRES in 1975 caused some IL6m. in damage, the Jewish National Fund reported this week. There were 511 fires, in which 80 per cent of the casualties were pines.

A CLUB for immigrants from English-speaking countries was dedicated last night in Rehov Weizmann in Tel Aviv, with the participation of Minister of Immigrant Absorption Shlomo Rosen. The building is the joint project of the ministry and the Histadrut.

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BANK LEUMI Le-Israel has recently opened a branch in Los Angeles, becoming the first Israel bank to have an office on the West Coast of the United States. The bank now has 31 branches abroad, including 16 in North America.

Extra Jerusalem housing only for existing new suburbs

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The debate over development strategy in Jerusalem took a decisive turn this week when Housing Minister Avraham Ofer waived his demand for the construction of a massive new housing development between Neve Ya'acov and French Hill, at least for the near future.

Ofer announced that he would concentrate construction in the coming year in the four large suburbs currently being erected across the former green line — Ramot, Gilo, Neve Ya'acov and East Talpiot.

Ofer's statement followed an angry meeting on Wednesday with Mayor Teddy Kollek when the latter attacked Ofer's proposal to build a 10,000-unit development at "South Neve Ya'acov". Kollek also attacked the proposal for a ring of satellite settlements around Jerusalem prepared at Ofer's request by architect Shmuel Shaked. The mayor argued that there are neither enough people nor money for new suburbs and that any attempt to build them would gravely harm the four large estates which are at present in the difficult stages of early growth.

The Housing Minister's statement indicated that he was in partial agreement with Kollek. "In the wake of the cuts in the housing budget and in light of the large decrease in the number of immigrants, the current argument on the extent of building in Jerusalem and the expropriation of additional land in East Jerusalem (for South Neve Ya'acov) is irrelevant."

Despite the budget cuts, Ofer said, he would not reduce the number of units planned for construction in Jerusalem next year. The total number to be constructed throughout the country will be 15,000 instead of 25,000, but the number slated for Jerusalem remains at 3,000. "I see top priority in the strengthening of Jewish settlement in Jerusalem and its surroundings," he said.

As for the question of satellites, Ofer said he had not adopted all of Shaked's proposals, but only those which would help form a new road link to the north of Jerusalem linking the Capital to the coastal plain via Beit Horon and another link to the south via Har Gilo to the Etzion Block. Kollek indicated his agreement with the Beit Horon proposal.

The question of development strategy is to be taken up by the Municipal Council next Sunday with Likud promising to demand a more aggressive settlement policy than the city administration wants to adopt.

Rabinowitz on taxes

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pitalists. It was bearing down on the small man, on the middle classes.

He accused the Treasury of causing great damage by dealing the economy one shock after another. Yet it could not carry out one consistent economic programme for more than six months at a time.

"Never in the history of the State of Israel has the gap been so wide between the official exchange rate of the *lira* and the true rate," he charged.

The referral to Committee was seen as a realization by the Minister and the Alignment faction, that the idea of the detailed tax forms had stirred up concern and resentment inside all Coalition factions.

Gidion Eshet adds:

Internal revenue sources said yesterday that the tax authorities in the past also had had the right to check into the details requested in the new forms. The sources pointed out various cases where this right was used.

Now when the tax authorities will not demand declarations from every one, but only from those who fall into the sample category, special forms have been prepared because the individuals chosen will be thoroughly checked.

The sample today includes only 6,000 individuals, it was pointed out.

The Treasury has announced other measures to find tax evaders. By agreement with the Defence Ministry, the latter will pass over to the tax authorities all the details of payments it has made to contractors and suppliers. Under the agreement the Defence Ministry will supply details dating back from 1970. This would exclude the contractors of the Bar-Lev line.

The questionnaire and tax declarations of those who fall in the sample category include details on purchasing apartments, repair and improvement of apartments, use of cars, travels abroad, employment of housekeepers, cooks and gardeners, electric appliances and membership in clubs.

Joshua Brilliant reports from Tel Aviv:

Histadrut Secretary-General Yeruham Meshel yesterday criticized the Finance Ministry's tax plan.

He told Bar Ilan University students in Ramat Gan it was "impractical and totally unnecessary" to require all citizens to keep a record of their expenses so they should be able to submit a report on their standard of living.

The government's move would cause "unnecessary anger and nervousness in the public" for fear of large-scale raids by income tax officials, he said. A representative sample of 5 per cent of the public would prevent the authorities from getting on the track of the "real evaders," whose exaggerated standard of living belies their modest tax returns, he added.

In deep sorrow, we announce the death of our beloved

Prof. RUDOLPH MOSHE SAMISH

The funeral will leave at 2 p.m. today, Thursday, December 25, from 16 Rehov Ruppin, opposite the Weizmann Institute, Rehovot.

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there will be a memorial service on Sunday, December 28, 1975, at 3 p.m., in the Ben-Zion Cemetery, Netanya.

A special bus will leave at 2 p.m. from Ramat Gan (near the main entrance of the Diamond Exchange).

His wife, Matl
His sons, Basil and Meir

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Heavy diesel fuel caused plane crash

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

L AVIV. — The crash of a single-gine Cherokee aircraft last month ile taking off from Jerusalem port at Atarot resulted from the ne being refuelled at the airport h heavy diesel petrol — and not h octane benzine — according to huda Rabin, head of the Civil iation Administration.

Rabin said yesterday that the in-tigation, carried out by the Techn, showed that from 64 to 86 per nt of the fuel in the plane's tanks s diesel fuel.

The police have been asked to estigate if there was criminal ligence in this case," he said, ing that precautions were being en to prevent any repetition of error.

Four persons were slightly injured the crash of the plane owned by British subject on November 25. s plane was badly damaged.

Memorial for French commando chief of '48

Teddy DuPre

EERSHEBA. — A plaque in the gev Brigade monument was yes-rday unveiled in the memory of ddy DuPre, commander of the ench commandos during the War Independence.

The ceremony was attended by inister of Commerce and Industry, aim Bar-Lev, who was a battalion mmander in the Brigade, Beer-heba's Mayor Eliahu Navi, other blic officials, members of DuPre's mily.

DuPre, who died in France in 971, was a Christian volunteer. He ught under Moshe Dayan in Bat-lion 89, set up the "French batta-on," 75, and then launched the rench commandos, who later ought as part of the Palmah's Ne-ev Brigade.

Community centre dedicated at Ma'alot

Jerusalem Post Reporter

IA'ALOT. — A large, handsome ut not quite finished community entre was dedicated here on Tues-ay in the presence of Alexander rass of the U.S., who with his amily promised the IL5m. project o this development town.

Grass, the new president of the srael Education Fund, is on his irst official visit in this post.

The centre's modern three-storey uilding is expected to be com-leted in another month or so.

THE HAGA evacuation exercise held yesterday was a serious matter for (almost) all the pupils in this picture, taken at the Bialik School in Netanya. Similar exercises were held in schools throughout the country. (Dekel)

Stock surcharge made retroactive

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE KNESSET yesterday approved the controversial inventory surcharge legislation by 49 votes to 29 with four abstentions.

The surcharge is a retroactive tax on stocks going back to the devaluation of last September, when the exchange rate was changed to IL7 to one US dollar. The tax will be calculated as ten per cent of a trader's inventory, above IL150,000.

Traders will be able to pay the surcharge in 12 monthly instalments commencing April 1976.

(The Supreme Court was due to rule today Thursday on the legality of the tax, as originally levied, under an interim order obtained by the Jerusalem Merchants Association. However, yesterday's Knesset legislation, which makes the queried inventory surcharge retroactively legal, leaves the Surpeme Court with nothing to rule.)

The issue of retroactivity provided a dramatic moment in the debate, when that particular clause was put through in a roll-call vote. The ILP abstained. The debate sparked a good deal of noise and interruptions across the floor, as the Likud championed the merchants' cause.

The legislation went through the Finance Committee on Tuesday thanks to the NRP, which abandoned the Likud after the Alignment agreed to raise the tax threshhold to IL150,000 of inventory, and to stagger the payments. The Aguda voted with the Likud in the plenum, while the New Communist, Moked and Ya'ad voted with the majority.

Explaining his vote against the law, Shlomo Lorincz, Aguda-Poale Aguda, said he was opposed in principle to retroactive tax legislation, especially in this case when the High Court was to have ruled on the legality of the September 28 Treasury regulations.

Gov't urged to intervene in bus terminal deadlock

By SARAH HONIG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Deputy Mayor David Shifman yesterday called on the Government to "urgently interfere in the dispute between the partners putting up the new central bus terminal because their hopeless deadlock" has paralysed nearly all work at the station for months.

He said that, unless there was massive Government help through the Ministries of Finance and Transport, the Kikar Levinsky Company, which is putting up the station, will never be able to extricate itself from its difficulties. He renewed his call to nationalize the company if all other efforts fail. The station was scheduled to be completed by the end of 1976.

Work was halted several months ago after one of the partners, Solel Boneh, demanded guarantees for its investments which exceed the obligations stemming from its 15 per cent share. The other partners, Egged (with a 35 per cent interest) and the Pilz concern (50 per cent), blame each other for unwillingness to provide the guarantees.

As a result, Solel Boneh removed work crews and equipment from the site. Only finishing work is currently going on in small sections of the terminal.

Beersheba couples stage 8-hour squat-in

BEERSHEBA. — The flat-less 30 young couples who have been encamped in front of the Municipality here for the past 10 days early yesterday carried out their threat to take over empty apartments if their requests for rental housing are not met. But the couples left less than eight hours later when confronted by police.

The group loaded their bedding and children on cars and entered the flats — in Beersheba's "Dalet" quarter — at 4.30 in the morning. At dawn, a couple of hours later, police came by and told them to leave immediately. They were told the couples would offer passive resistance. Consultations followed.

At 11.15 a reinforced detail of 35 policemen returned and repeated their demand. Squatters' leader David Buniel answered that the couples would go if the contractor responsible for the flats withdrew his trespass complaint. Police agreed for him on the spot, and the couples then returned to their tents.

Buniel and his co-leader Moshe Schwartz said later that they want to be present when Beersheba Mayor Eliahu Navi goes to Jerusalem to meet Housing Minister Avraham Ofer over their problem.

The couples said when they began their sit-down on December 14 that they could not meet the monthly carrying charges of the Housing Ministry's flat-purchase schemes, which they said ran from IL1,200 to IL1,600. Housing Ministry sources in Beersheba yesterday said rental flats were provided only to couples whose situation it described as difficult. They repeated that the Ministry can help in obtaining mortgages (which the couples say they cannot afford.)

TOURISM MINISTER Moshe Kol yesterday welcomed an Aliya Le'regel pilgrimage group from Temple Beth Tikvah, Wayne, N.J., led by Rabbi Sy Dresner. (Emka)

'Dietetic' foods must be different

DIETETIC FOODS will henceforth have to differ meaningfully from ordinary foods in their constitution before they can be so labelled, under a directive issued yesterday by the Health Ministry.

The order establishes criteria for low-calory, low-sodium, low-gluten and other types of foods. It also requires that food containing saccharine state the exact quantity contained.

Beersheba bus slips moorings

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEBA. — A parked United Tours bus whose brakes apparently gave way rolled 100 metres yesterday across a busy thoroughfare and came to rest in a local resident's garden — miraculously without causing any injuries.

In an effort to stop it, a 15-year-old boy jumped aboard the empty bus when it began to roll down Rehov Gush Etzion here, but he jumped off when he could not apply the brakes. The bus demolished the garden wall of Azriel Perlmutter's house and stopped only when it bumped up against the house itself. The house wall was cracked but did not collapse.

FRANZ OLLENDORFF

The photographs which accompanied "Jerusalem's Russian Compound" in yesterday's Holy Land Pilgrimages supplement were taken by the writer of the article, Franz Ollendorff, of Jerusalem.

Hillel admits police can't cope with protection rackets

Blames the demands of the law

By AARON SITTNER
Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

POLICE MINISTER Shlomo Hillel admitted yesterday that protection rackets exist in the major cities and conceded that police are "powerless, under present circumstances," to curb them.

Replying in the Knesset to two motions for the agenda on the subject, Hillel said: "I regretfully concede that extortion through offers of protection does indeed exist in this country, and that it is increasing along with other forms of crime. But, under present circumstances, we cannot do anything about it."

Those "circumstances," he explained, were the judicial requirements in prosecuting suspected extortionists. Under present law, a complaint to the police is not enough; the victim must also subject himself to cross-examination and then appear in court to testify against the suspect.

"The criminal shakedown artists know the ins and outs of the law," the Minister continued, "and they are advised by experienced lawyers. They know that the police will not bring them to court unless they are ready to place the complainant on the stand. But the victims just do not come forward, and that's all there it to it. Meanwhile, on top of the priority list, as far as Israel Police is concerned, are such matters as Arab terrorism and armed robbery."

In one of the two motions for the agenda, Ehud Olmert, Likud, charged that more than 150 merchants in Jerusalem are now paying "tens of thousands and maybe even hundreds of thousands of pounds" every month to extortionists in exchange for promises that their business will not be harmed.

"This ugly scourge has grown to dangerous proportions in the Capital," Olmert said. "The main victims so far are loan sharks and owners of cafes, bars and boutiques."

According to Olmert, the victims do not complain for two reasons: first, out of fear for their lives and the lives of their relatives. Second, because they are afraid that a complaint will result in a closer examination of their business volume by the tax authorities.

Olmert therefore demanded that the police — on their own initiative and even without receiving complaints — should crackdown on the extortionists — "something it has not been doing up to now."

The young MK also said that Israel Police are currently investigating a senior police officer who allegedly has maintained close ties with some of the persons reportedly involved in the shakedown racket.

Further, Olmert claims that the underworld has already established its own "police and court system" to enforce the criminals' own rules and regulations, and to settle accounts between them. Olmert believes the recent Antebi murder in Jerusalem and some murder attempts reported in past months are the result of factional disputes among the extortionists over their respective "territories."

Moshe Shahal, Alignment, tabling the second motion, charged that out of 88 cases of arson, grenade attacks, firings from passing cars and planting of explosive devices uncovered in the past 10 months, only five have been solved by the police.

Shahal charged that "Israel's own Mafia" has taken over a good part of the distribution chain of agricultural produce, and are reaping millions of pounds a month in illegal payments "which, of course, are never reported to the income tax department."

"All this goes on in clear daylight, often with the full knowledge of the authorities," he charged. "The time has come for the Government to stop burying its head in the sand and come out against these criminals with the full force of the law. In Tel Aviv's Carmel Market alone, about a million pounds a month is paid for protection."

Shahal mentioned last weekend's blast in a butcher shop in Haifa, following the owner's complaint to the police against an extortionist's demand, and another incident — in the Tel Aviv wholesale produce market — where a greengrocer had a finger chopped off in a scuffle with a "rampist." (A "rampist" is a marketing agent who, according to Shahal, arbitrarily sets the prices of fruits and vegetables despite the normal market price supposedly established by the forces of supply and demand.)

Shlomo Gross, Aguda, appealed to the Police Minister to institute administrative detention and "stop playing hide-and-seek with criminals."

"As far as the citizen is concerned, there is no difference between Arab terrorists and our own terrorists," Gross said.

Both motions for the agenda were referred to the Knesset Interior Committee.

Medical checks in food trade

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

FOOD HYGIENE is so primitive in this country that one can see loaves of bread lying on the pavement next to grocery shops; horse and donkey flesh for sale in the markets, and filthy fowl displayed in poulterers' windows.

These accusations came in the Knesset yesterday from Mathilda Ghez (Alignment-Labour) who presented a motion calling for strict medical checks for all persons handling food in hotels, restaurants and food stores. It was voted to Committee.

Mrs. Ghez said the problem was that 10 Ministries all handled the sphere of food hygiene, in one aspect or another. They all struggled for the right to have their say, except when public criticism arose about negligence, whereupon each tried to pass the buck to the other.

She praised a number of journalists who had done pioneer work to bring the issue of food hygiene to public attention.

Two more held in Haifa protection racket case

HAIFA. — Two more suspects have been remanded into custody by a magistrate here on suspicion of attempted murder in a protection money case in the Talpiot market.

Yitzhak Pnono and Yisrael Sharvit join Avraham Suissa and Yehiel Sharvit, who were arrested a few days ago. The four allegedly tried to shoot Nissim Salman after a fight over protection money. Salman, police said, is suspected of hurling a hand grenade into a butcher shop in the Talpiot market.

Pnono and Yisrael Sharvit were remanded for two days, pending fulfillment of a request by their attorney, Giora Natashi, to question the chief police investigator for serious crimes in the Haifa district, Inspector Aharon Yakim, in connection with this case.

In the grenade incident there have been three arrests: Nissim and Shalom Salman, and Hana Nuriel, 19. Police have also discovered three handgrenades of IDF manufacture in a wooded area in Wadi Salib, and think they might be connected to the case of "settling accounts." *(Itim)*

Year for face-slasher

BEERSHEBA. — Negev resident Solomon Ohayon, who sliced up an acquaintance's face with a razor-blade, was yesterday given a one-year jail term by the District Court here.

Ohayon had attacked Daniel Assido in a Kiryat Gat cafe. Judges Shlomo Elkayam, Avraham Maloul and Gilad Giladi, who also gave Ohayon a one-year suspended term, said they were handing down a "deterrent sentence" because of the growing violence. *(Itim)*

TODAY

ISRAEL WEEKLY LOTTERY 1st PRIZE HALF MILLION

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MKs to study interreaction of public and civil servants

Jerusalem Post Knesset Reporter

THE KNESSET's State Control Committee has decided to devote the year 1976 to studying the mutual relations between the citizen and the civil servant.

Announcing this yesterday, the new chairman of the committee, Yosef Tamir, said it was important for the public to know that the Knesset body was making a special drive to improve civil service efficiency, and enhance mutual trust between the citizen and his administration.

Far too often, he said, the public found that civil servants were inflexible and unresponsive in situations where the public was in fact excessively dependent on the bureaucracy anyway. He noted that State control covered the functions of some 150,000 civil servants in the national and local administrations as well as in state corporations and various inspected bodies.

Last year, Tamir noted, 273 civil servants were sentenced in Court for criminal offenses and 103 more were sentenced in disciplinary tribunals of the Civil Service Commission.

Over the last three years, the number of complaints submitted to the Ombudsman which had been proven justified, had risen steadily. In 1972 this was true of 43.5 per cent; in 1973 of 45.8 per cent; and in 1974 — 51 per cent were proven justified. This ratio was unprecedented in any country where an Ombudsman operated, Tamir said.

IN BRIEF

ARYE DULZIN, acting chairman of the Zionist Executive, warned the Labour Committee that if unemployment meant new immigrants getting fired first, aliya figures would fall, and more immigrants would return to the Diaspora disappointed.

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YITZHAK BEN-AHARON (Alignment-Labour) said in the Education Committee that he would vote against the 1976/77 State Budget if the allocations for education were cut.

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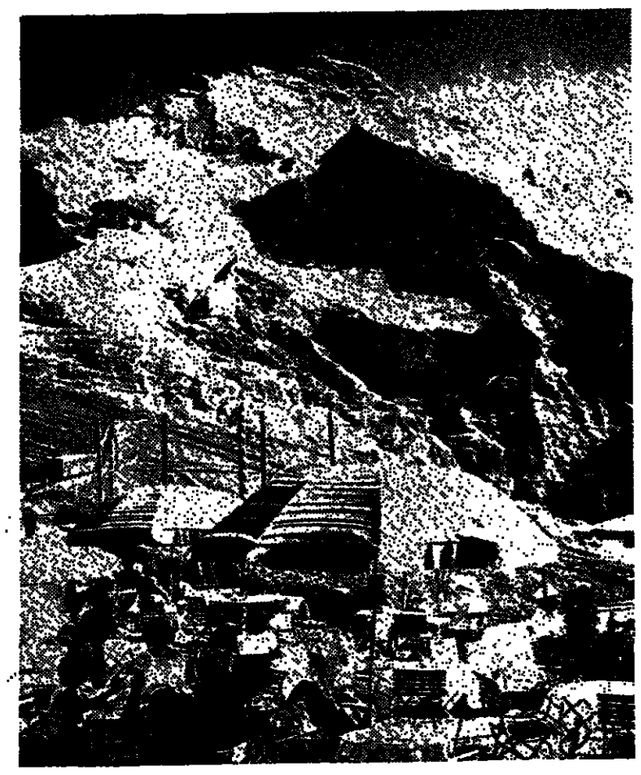
YIGAL HOROWITZ (Likud), chairman of the Economics Committee, accused the Treasury of sowing panic among the public, by its practice of issuing preliminary statements about its economic programmes in general and its plans for subsidy cuts in particular.



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Next coup bid likely to succeed unless Peron ends chaos

By MORT ROSENBLUM

BUENOS AIRES. — Unless President Isabel Peron curbs Argentina's chaos and political terrorism, there will be another rebellion against her, and this one will be successful, most analysts of the Argentine political scene believe.

The armed forces put down a four-day revolt by ultra-conservative air force officers on Monday, but the Army Commander, Gen. Jorge Videla, all but ordered Congress to take urgent action. His call for an "institutional" solution was widely interpreted as a demand to replace Mrs. Peron with a legal successor.

Military observers say many key officers might have joined the airmen's revolt had its ideology not been so neo-Fascist and moralistic, had there been army and not air force officers out front, and had it been better planned and timed.

Many say they agree with the basic complaints that the government is riddled with financial scandal, corruption and incompetence.

Since the late Juan D. Peron's widow succeeded him in July 1974, more than 1,700 persons have been killed in political violence, and the annual inflation rate has increased from 30 per cent to 300 per cent.

Mrs. Peron, a former cabaret dancer, has been unable to do anything about the country's mounting woes. Recently she and some of her closest associates have been the target of allegations of corruption.

Mrs. Peron told a television audience on Monday night that she intends to remain in office: elections are scheduled for next October 17.

The army is unmistakably the major force in Argentina, no matter what civilian leaders do. The Peronist labour unions are strong, but divided, and their allegiance wavers. The Peronist movements' political apparatus is badly splintered between conservatives who support Mrs. Peron and leftists who want her out.

Army commander Videla, 50, has emerged as the country's backstage strongman. He is regarded as a hard-line professional soldier who feel's the army's duty is to uphold the constitution. But he is also known as a bitter opponent of Communism.

Some observers believe that the armed forces do not want to take full power because of the immensity of the country's problems. The last time the armed forces overthrew a Peron was in 1955, and it took three months and cost hundreds of civilian lives. Then, for 18 years, a succession of military governments was unable to restore Argentina's former prosperity, and Peron eventually returned to power.

However, many officers say now that there is a limit to patience and caution. "There are more and more who say that if we wait too long we will be blamed for letting the country collapse before acting," said one officer.

King Hussein and Queen Alia of Jordan pose in Amman with their first son, Prince Ali, who was born on Tuesday night. The boy is Hussein's seventh child and his third son. He has a 19-year-old daughter by ex-wife Princess Dina Abdel Hamid, two boys and twin girls by his second wife, British-born Toni Gardiner; and a year-old daughter by Alia. His first two marriages ended in divorce. (AP radiophoto)

Soviet defends 'right to intervene' in Angola

MOSCOW. — The Soviet Government newspaper "Izvestia" yesterday rejected charges that its support of the Marxist faction in Angola posed a danger to detente.

An article by Vikenty Matveyev, "Izvestia's" chief commentator, was seen as a response to recent statements by President Ford, Secretary of State Kissinger and others that Soviet intervention in Angola was a risk to U.S.-Soviet cooperation.

Matveyev said that Soviet actions in Angola must be considered apart from detente, and reiterated the Russian claim that detente "cannot mean the freezing of the social status quo around the world... The support of national liberation movements is one of the most important principles of Soviet foreign policy, as is the step-by-step struggle for strengthening international relations."

The "Izvestia" statement was interpreted as meaning that the Soviet Union would not consider stopping or reducing its support of the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA), one of the three groups involved in the Angola war.

The commentator scorned attempts by Western critics "who are attempting to demand from us some sort of payment for detente, as if the matter concerns some kind of trade deal and not joint efforts in the name of the future of our planet." The Soviet Union could maintain its power without detente, but the possibility of a nuclear war would loom again as an enormous threat, said Matveyev. (AP)

'Defects in F15'

WASHINGTON. — Rep. Les Aspin said on Tuesday that he believes the new F15 Eagle jetfighter has basic defects because of four groundings in the last 10 months. (AP)

'Mines and vipers are Sinai station hazards'

WASHINGTON. — "Israeli land mines, scorpions and vipers" will be among the dangers to be faced by the 200 American volunteers who sign up to serve in the early warning stations in the Sinai, according to a briefing given at the State Department this week to firms submitting construction bids. Marilyn Berger, reporting this in the "Washington Post" yesterday, said that the base camp would have postal facilities, a barber shop, combination theatre and chapel, a PX "and because women volunteers will be accepted, a beauty parlour."

Berger reported that of 2,500 inquiries received at the State Department from potential volunteers, about 10 per cent were from women.

She reported that the State Department will arrange for language lessons in Hebrew and Arabic and lectures about Egypt and Israel. "The volunteers will be encouraged to take their leaves in an even-handed manner, meaning half in Israel, half in Egypt. The key word for the State Department is 'symmetry'." Berger wrote. She reported that Nicholas G. Thorne, head of the Sinai support mission, stressed that "conduct (of the volunteers) will be open to scrutiny. Correct behaviour is important to the mission."

Some U.S. officials expressed concern that because there is not much time left, the volunteers will not be carefully screened. It was also feared that the short terms of service and high pay might attract "freebooters," who might be tempted to engage in smuggling or other unsavoury activities, Berger reported.

She said that more than 100 persons from 46 companies attended the State Department briefing, the first held since the American survey team returned from Sinai with detailed information.

One facility that will not be provided for the volunteers is a swimming pool. That prohibition "was imposed," an official said, "lest anyone think he or she is going off for a vacation in the sunshine," Berger reported.

Spanish Communist gets back passport

MADRID. — Communist Marcelino Camacho, Spain's leading labour organizer, who was released from prison after pardon granted by King Juan Carlos a month ago, has had his passport returned, Madrid newspapers said yesterday. This is seen as a further move by Spain's new government towards political liberalization under the monarchy.

Legal sources said that the fact that the passport had been returned meant that Camacho's long police record resulting from his opposition to the Franco regime had been destroyed. According to Spanish law, the sources said, Spaniards with a police record are not entitled to a passport.

Jordan group ends Moscow visit

MOSCOW. — An official Jordanian delegation headed by former Premier Abdul Muneim Rifai, yesterday ended two days of talks at the Soviet Foreign Ministry, Tass reported. The Soviet news agency said the discussions centred on developments in the Middle East and the prospects for establishing a permanent peace in the area.

First Deputy Foreign Minister Vasily Kuznetsov represented the Soviet Union at the talks.

Tass said the discussions took place in a friendly and businesslike atmosphere and included an exchange of views on the development of Soviet-Jordanian relations.

Arab sources said that the Soviet calls for a resumption of the Geneva peace conference had been discussed.

Tass said that the Soviet and Jordanian representatives agreed in their talks that there could be lasting peace in the Middle East only if all its peoples and states were guaranteed independence. (UPI)

Held incommunicado

NEW YORK. — A Russian Jewish woman, Meta Leikina, has been held incommunicado for eight months in a mental institution in Hazan in the Soviet Tartar Republic and is suffering from malnutrition and severe mental depression, according to information reaching her daughter, Anna Rosnovskaya, who lives in Israel.

Details of the case were reported by the Long Island Committee for Soviet Jewry yesterday. (JTA)

No talks with PLO

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pute is not a clash between Israelis and Palestinians, but between Arabs and Jews. This is proven clearly by the Palestine Convention, he said.

"The Arab world's aspiration to liquidate us has its roots in a racist ideology. It sees our destruction as an ideological duty. The PLO murder gang was created as a tool in the war against Israel. Whatever Palestinian combination might be set up in Eretz Yisrael would not prevent that state being transformed instantly into a base for Arafat," Be'eri said.

"This is the political and historical reality, as based on the facts," Be'eri said. "By presenting the Arab-Jewish conflict in this light, we can convince the world of our case."

Meir Pa'il (Moked) who wanted Be'eri's motion struck off the agenda, said Israel should propose an independent Palestine state in the West Bank and Gaza under suitable demilitarisation arrangements.

Earlier, the Foreign Minister was also asked to reply to a motion by Moshe Arens (Likud) who contended that Israel should refuse to accept units in the United Nations contingents on the Golan and in Sinai, from states which had denounced Zionism as "racism" at the UN General Assembly. Arens said that four countries which attacked Zionism, and had no diplomatic ties with Israel, already had contingents or observers with the UN here: Indonesia, Senegal, the Soviet Union and Poland.

These four states could by no means be called neutral in the dispute, Arens said. They had a direct interest in the Middle East situation. Nobody could guarantee their credibility as objective executors of the disengagement agreements and the Sinai interim agreement. If war broke out, nobody could guarantee that they would remain neutral and uninvolved. Israel should therefore tell the UN Secretary-General that it disapproves of these units remaining in the region.

Allon said in his reply that not every state which voted for the anti-Zionist resolution was necessarily involved against Israel in the Middle East dispute and hence Israel should not react indiscriminately.

Israel could not determine the composition of the UN forces. It could merely stipulate which troops and observers could move on its own side of the lines, and so it had barred those which had severed diplomatic ties.

Allon persuaded the Knesset to strike the motion off the agenda.

WHAT K THINKS OF THE UN

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of State Kissinger criticized the UN General Assembly yesterday for its "contemptible irresponsibility," but said the U.S. would continue its efforts to be conciliatory in the world body.

"The recent session of the Assembly," he said, "has shown to us and the world community all its complexities and aspirations for progress, its disputes and, in many respects its contemptible irresponsibility. But it is our obligation always to remain beyond the disputes of the moment." (UPI)

Portugal sets April date for elections

LISBON. — The Portuguese Government yesterday announced an extended wage freeze and also fixed the date for free legislative elections on April 25.

Cabinet ministers approved a two-month extension on a wage contract freeze that has been in effect since the state of emergency was declared during last month's abortive leftist military revolt. The freeze had been scheduled to end on December 31.

The elections for a civilian parliament will come on the second anniversary of the April 2 1974 revolution in which Portugal's officers ended nearly half a century of right-wing dictatorship. The drafting of a constitution will be completed before the elections.

The country's first national elections for the Constituent Assembly since the overthrow of the former regime, was held last April 25.

In those elections, the Socialists gained 38 per cent of the vote, the left-of-centre Popular Democrats 27 per cent and the Communist Party 12.5 per cent. (UPI)

Special Concorde flight to Cairo

CAIRO. — Egypt has given Air France permission to land a Concorde supersonic airliner in Cairo on January 9 on a special flight provided it does not fly at supersonic speeds once it enters Egyptian airspace. The newspaper "Al Gomhouriya," reporting this yesterday, said that about 100 French tourism, aviation and newspaper executives would be aboard the flight.

The paper quoted a civil aviation official as saying that Egypt did not want supersonic flights because of the harm it might do to vegetation and animals. (AP)

Richard Burton pushes his wife, Elizabeth Taylor, through Heathrow Airport in London on Tuesday, as the couple were about to fly to their Swiss home for Christmas. The actress has been receiving physiotherapy treatments for two weeks for a back complaint. (AP radiophoto)

Christmas

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tightest security in years. Visitors bearing special passes went through half a dozen roadblocks, manned by soldiers, policemen and Arab constables. Troops in combat gear patrolled the town and its environs. Other combat-garbed soldiers watched from roofs surrounding the square and its approaches.

Hundreds of Arab notables and Israeli dignitaries, including the Judea and Samaria Commander, T/A Arieh Shalev, and other high-ranking military and police officers, as well as Mayor Teddy Kollek of Jerusalem, attended a luncheon given by Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem. Freij expressed hope for the achievement of a durable peace securing the rights of all nations in the region.

Politics overshadowed Christmas in the Galilee town of Nazareth where celebrations were cancelled by the outgoing municipal officials who have just lost the administration to the Communists. Instead, the Communist victors planned a mass rally last night, led by the new mayor, Tawfik Zayyad, who will take office next month after his victory is gazetted officially. Party secretary, Ghassan Habib, predicted "Christmas under the Communists will be bigger and better than ever before."

Ya'acov Ardon reports from Haifa: Christmas did not create any congestion in the port, as only two passenger ships arrived yesterday, the first arrivals this week. They were the San Marco and Ithaca, with 600 and 619 passengers, respectively, for two days of sightseeing in Jerusalem, Bethlehem and Galilee.

The Uganda is due today with some 1,300 British high school pupils, also for a two-day visit.

Pope ends Holy Year

VATICAN CITY. — Pope Paul, following a candlelight procession through St. Peter's Basilica late last night, officially ended Holy Year celebrations that had attracted a record eight million pilgrims to Rome.

The 78-year-old Pontiff then braved a near-freezing but dry night to say his 13th Christmas Eve Midnight Mass as Pontiff — the first ever held in the open, in St. Peter's Square.

The Pope, who earlier prayed inside the Basilica, had ended Holy Year by kneeling briefly in front of the special Holy Year door at the left of the Basilica and then symbolically pulling it shut. He dispensed with the traditional ceremony of laying a first brick in the door with a golden trowel. Workmen were to fill the door in early in the new year. (AP)

Hanoi wants aid

WASHINGTON. — North Vietnam wants U.S. aid, diplomatic recognition and trade as well as help in developing offshore oil supplies, according to a congressional delegation that returned from Hanoi on Wednesday.

The delegation had gone to Hanoi to recover the bodies of three Americans and to try to get information about other missing Americans.

U.S. dependence on M.E. oil said growing

WASHINGTON. — The United States will become highly dependent on oil from the Middle East and North Africa in the coming decade, according to a Congressional Atomic Energy Committee study released on Tuesday.

In two years, the United States probably will be forced to import 50 per cent more oil than it does today, with the entire increase coming from the North Africa-Middle East area, the report said.

It said an oil embargo in 1977, if it were to last for six months, could result in a Gross National Product loss of between $39 and $56 billion, and additional unemployment of 1 to 1.5 million.

"A domestic economic disaster of such proportions would most certainly spread to Western Europe and Japan, even if those nations would not become targets of another oil embargo," it said.

It added that "hopes for major economic recovery from the current worldwide recession would be dashed under those circumstances."

The study was prepared by Herman Franssen, analyst in science and technology at the Library of Congress, at the request of Sen. Howard Baker Jr., (Rep.-Tenn.) (AP)

President Ford carries a retriever puppy belonging to his son aboard a plane, while Mrs. Ford holds another family dog on a leash. The President and his wife were flying from Washington to Vail, Colorado, for a vacation. (AP radiophoto)

Record trade surplus

WASHINGTON. — Increased exports of coal, autos and aircraft helped give the U.S. a foreign trade surplus of $1.1b. in November and made it virtually certain that the nation will have a record trade surplus for the year, the Commerce Department said yesterday.

The department said that for the first 11 months of 1975, U.S. exports have exceeded imports by $10.6b., which already eclipses the previous record annual trade surplus of $7.1b. in 1964.

November exports were valued at $9.4b., while imports totalled $8.3b. on a seasonally adjusted basis. Exports were up 1.3 per cent over October and imports rose 1.1 per cent.

Contributing to the increase in exports, the department said, were a $182m. rise in shipments of coal, a $5.82m. increase in auto exports and a $57.6m. rise in military aircraft. Partially offsetting the export gains were a $176.8m. drop in civilian aircraft exports and an $85.5m. decline in soybean shipments.

The size of the nation's foreign trade surplus has astounded administration economists. The Ford administration originally had predicted the nation would have a trade deficit during 1975, similar to the deficit of $2.3b. in 1974. The Commerce Department said yesterday that if the present trend continues, the nation will end 1975 with an over-all trade surplus of $11.6b.

The exceptionally favourable U.S. trade performance has contributed to the strengthening of the value of the U.S. dollar in relation to other world currencies. (AP)

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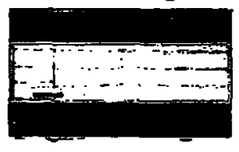

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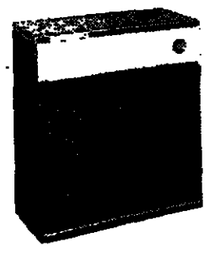

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PLO leader envisages 'united Palestine'

By JACK MAURICE
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

PARIS. — The Palestine Liberation Organization's representative at Unesco, Ibrahim Souss, said here yesterday that "an irresistible surge" existed towards a united "Palestinian state" in which Arabs and Israelis would live together.

Souss told the influential newspaper "Le Monde" that "the creation of a Palestinian national state will trigger off a movement which will open up relations between the two entities who are established on the soil of Palestine. It would be illogical to imagine that two states separated from each other by impenetrable frontiers and barbed wire could blossom on two such small territories. The surge towards unity is irrestistible."

Asked why the PLO had branded the Vienna hijackers as agents of Zionism, Souss replied: "At a time when the PLO is recognized by the international community as the sole representative of the Palestinian people in the quest for a political solution in the Near East, it is clearly in our enemies' interests to present us as terrorists and murderers.

"They are trying to discredit us in order to exclude us from all international negotiations, to sabotage the just and lasting peace which we are seeking."

Denying that the PLO repudiated the very existence of the Israeli people, Souss added: "We persist in drawing a clear distinction between the Israelis and what Zionist doctrine calls the Jewish people, which in our eyes is an eminently mystical and dangerously fallacious idea."

Souss said a Jewish minority inspired by the humanist traditions of Judaism shared the PLO view, and he paid tribute to Dr. Nahum Goldmann, president of the World Jewish Congress. He added: "His tragedy is that he cannot reconcile the noble heritage of his Jewish tradition with the racist practices of the strategists of Israeli policy."

Ford enters first primary against Reagan

CONCORD, New Hampshire. — President Ford yesterday officially entered the 1976 New Hampshire presidential primary, the first of a series of battles with Republican party challenger Ronald Reagan.

Rep. James Cleveland, a Ford supporter, paid the required $500 and submitted nominating petitions with some 1,200 signatures, slightly more than the 1,000 signatures required.

The contest will be held on February 24. *(UPI)*

Golda Meir chats with the American publishers of her autobiography during a visit to their New York office on Monday. From left are Harvey Ginsberg, editor-in-chief of G.P. Putnam and Sons, and at centre, Clyde C. Taylor, publisher. (AP radiophoto)

Yamani says terrorists planned to kill him and Iran Minister

AMMAN. — Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Ahmed Zaki Yamani said here yesterday that the pro-Palestinian terrorists who held the world's top oil ministers at gunpoint for two days had decided to assassinate him and Iranian Interior Minister Jamshid Amouzegar.

Sheikh Yamani, who arrived here yesterday to report to Saudi King Khaled on the incident, told newsmen that the terrorists had set Tuesday morning for his and Amouzegar's execution.

They spared their lives "thanks the intervention and wisdom of our Algerian brethren" Sheikh Yamani said.

The gunmen, who attacked OPEC headquarters in Vienna on Sunday, were believed still in the Algerian capital *yesterday where they surrendered* to Algerian authorities. They were apparently in no danger of being extradited back to Vienna, although Austria's Justice Ministry formally asked Algeria to extradite the five men and a girl to face charges of murder and kidnapping. Three people were killed in the attack.

Austria's extradition request was made in the hope of preventing the six *from* being granted political asylum in Algeria.

After reporting to King Khalid, who is on an official visit to Jordan, Sheikh Yamani returned to *Saudi Arabia*.

Asked by newsmen why the terrorists singled out him and Amouzegar, Sheikh Yamani replied "I *don't know why they* chose us. But their decision to assassinate us was final. Without the intervention of our Algerian brethren, their firmness and wisdom, we would not have escaped death."

Sheikh Yamani said the Vienna attackers had no relation with the Palestinian resistance movement or the Arab cause.

Amouzegar, meanwhile, arrived in Teheran and drove to the Royal Palace to brief the Shah on his abduction at the OPEC conference. A crowd of several hundred people including Prime Minister Amir Abbas Hoeyda and Cabinet Ministers clapped and cheered as he stepped from an Iran plane after the flight from Algeria. *(Reuter)*

PLO going to Vancouver as 'experts'

UNITED NATIONS. — An agreement signed here on Tuesday will allow observers from the Palestine Liberation Organization to participate in the UN Habitat conference on human settlements in Vancouver next May 31-June 11 as "experts on mission for the UN."

Under the 1946 convention on privileges and immunities of the UN, such experts are immune from arrest, baggage search or seizure and legal action for anything they say or do, unless the UN Secretary-General waives the immunity to avoid impeding justice.

The agreement on the UN conference was signed by Canadian Ambassador Saul F. Rae and UN Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim in the latter's office.

It requires that Canada provide conference rooms, offices, in-city transportation and other facilities for an eypected 2,000 participants and that the UN provide documentation, translation and similar services in return for $240,000 from Canada to cover extra pay for the staff.

On November 25, 15 days after the General Assembly classified Zionism as a form of racism, the city council in Vancouver asked that the Habitat conference not be held there.

Later, it is said here, the Ottawa Government agreed to pay up to $300,000 in police overtime in connection with the conference and Vancouver authorities relaxed their opposition.

Two weeks ago, the Assembly cited its standing invitation to the PLO in listing the kinds of organizations that should be invited to Habitat along with "all states." Waldheim has yet to hand out the official invitations.

The newly signed agreement says participation in Habitat shall be open to, among others, "observers from national liberation movements... entitled to participate." Besides the PLO, that includes African liberation covements recognized by the Organization of African Unity. *(AP)*

Ex-President of Chile attacks Junta

SANTIAGO, Chile. — Former President Eduardo Frei is calling for a "great national project" to bring democracy back to Chile.

Frei says in a 65-page treatise circulating among his fellow Christian Democrats that extreme right-wing groups have gained power under the two-year-old Junta government and that the national economy is losing ground.

"Democratic recuperation is not *only a requirement* that is within the roots of this country, but also constitutes its most immediate interest," the Christian Democrat leader said.

"To attain this new democracy, renewed and alive, a great national project is required in which all Chileans who sincerely love freedom and want progress for their fatherland feel themselves represented," he said.

Frei called for a national debate on the political framework to be adopted and a plebiscite on a new constitution.

Frei was President of Chile from 1964 to 1970, the year Marxist Salvador Allende was elected to succeed him. The armed forces overthrew Allende in a bloody coup on September 11, 1973, when he was officially reported to have committed suicide.

The Junta dissolved the Congress, outlawed Marxist parties, declared others in recess and banned partisan politics from the news media. President Augusto Pinochet, an army general, has said military rule will last for at least a generation in this South American country of 10 million people.

Frei's mimeographed treatise, entitled "The Mandate of History and the Requirements of the Future," began circulating privately last weekend. The document has not been mentioned in the Chilean press.

Frei says that under the Chilean Junta, "political preeminence," is held by "the most extreme groups, whose Fascist character... is openly displayed before the country."

Without referring directly to Chile, Frei says "right-wing totalitarianism" is characterized by "the existence of enormous and costly repressive organizations, the delivery of the economy to small groups and big monopolies, the domination of minds through the manipulation of propaganda." *(AP)*

Athens police hunt killers of envoy linked to the CIA

ATHENS. — Greek police supplied extra protection yesterday for American and Russian officials listed as espionage agents after the assassination of a U.S. Embassy official widely believed to be the Athens station chief of the Central Intelligence Agency.

All border points and international airports were put under tighter surveillance in case the three masked assailants who gunned down Richard Welch on Tuesday night attempted to leave the country. (His murder was reported briefly in yesterday's "Jerusalem Post.")

Welch, was listed in the embassy directory as special assistant to Ambassador Jack B. Kubisch.

He was shot almost from point-blank range as he stepped out of his official embassy car with his wife in front of their suburban Athens villa after returning from the U.S. Ambassador's Christmas party. The driver of his car told police that one of the three gunmen wearing *handkerchiefs* over their faces spoke to Welch briefly in Greek before shots rang out, and Welch fell to the ground.

Welch was rushed to a nearby hospital and died shortly after arrival. His wife Maria and his driver were unharmed. Police took the chauffeur to Athens International Airport to look over departing passengers.

Welch's position at the embassy was an open secret and one diplomatic colleague said, "He never tried to hide it." A month ago, the local English-language daily, "Athens News," published what it said was a list of seven CIA operatives acting here under diplomatic cover and described the 46-year-old Welch as the CIA station chief. The embassy never *commented* on the report.

The paper said it had received the list of alleged CIA agents from a group calling itself "Committee of Greeks and Greek-Americans."

Later, a rival group named "Committee to Keep Greece Greek" distributed a list of 10 purported Russian KGB agents. The group said they were espionage agents attached to the Soviet Embassy and its commercial agencies based in the Greek capital.

Public Order Minister Solon Ghikas, ordered extra protection for all U.S. and Russian *diplomats*, especially for those named as CIA and KGB agents.

Athens papers reported that a man claiming to represent the "Union of Militant Officers for the National Cause" telephoned and said his organization was responsible for Welch's death. The caller said the organization, totally unknown here, would be heard from again.

Welch took his embassy post in Athens about a year ago. He served previously in Cyprus and Lebanon.

Feelings aganst the U.S. have been high in Greece since the Turkish invasion of Cyprus in July last year.

Greeks and Greek-Cypriots blame U.S. policy for the invasion and the occupation of the northern part of of the island by Turkish troops.

The Greek Government condemned the killing of Welch, which it said was carried out by people who sought to harm national interests and offend the dignity of the Greek people. It pledged to do its best to find the gunmen.

Apart from police interrogations yesterday, cars leaving Athens were being searched at various exit points in an effort to find clues that could lead to the killers.

In Washington, a source intimate with the U.S. intelligence community asserted on Tuesday night, "We've had an American gunned down by other Americans fingering him — right or wrong — as a CIA agent."

U.S. intelligence officials for months have warned that public disclosures about CIA operations and personnel could lead to drastic consequences.

But a source close to the Washington-based Intelligence Documentation Centre (IDC), which reported Welch's CIA affiliation in an article, said all the centre's disclosures were taken from material already published abroad. *(AP, Reuter)*

SOMALIS ALLEGE FRENCH ATTACK

PARIS. — Somalia yesterday accused France of attacking a border police station and threatened armed retaliation.

Somali Ambassador to France Mohammed Said Samantar told a press conference here that French military aircraft from Djibouti, on the Red Sea, repeatedly flew over Somali territory from December 18 to 21. On December 19 French troops attacked a Somali border police station, he said.

"Military aggression calls for military action and the French government will bear the entire responsibility," Samantar said.

He said the situation on the border remains tense. *(Reuter)*

Soviets: Labour camps are really educational centres

Jews mark Leningrad trial date

MOSCOW. — Thirty-three Soviet Jews staged a silent demonstration yesterday in front of the Lenin Library in Central Moscow. They were marking the fifth anniversary of the Leningrad trial of nine Jews and two Russians for attempting to hijack a plane to escape to freedom in Israel.

At the demonstration there were nearly as many KGB secret police agents as Jews.

After standing for about ten minutes on the Library steps, the Jews drifted away. Several of them told foreign correspondents that five or six of their friends had been detained by police before they could join the demonstration.

One of these was Viktor Brailovsky, who was taken for questioning to the State Prosecutor's Office as soon as he emerged from his house, while Mark Azbel was taken to a police station. Both men were released after the demonstration without being charged.

A third activist, Vladimir Prestin, was stopped from attending when police arrived to search his flat, according to his wife who came to the demonstration.

It was the first Jewish demonstration of this size here since one last February at which Mark Nashpits and Boris Tsitlyonok were arrested and later each sentenced to five years of Siberian exile.

Most of those convicted in the Leningrad trial are still in Soviet labour camps.

Meanwhile, a Soviet newspaper bitterly attacked British, French and Italian TV for showing a film of a Soviet labour camp in Latvia.

"*Literaturnaya Gazeta*" said what the film showed had actually been a construction site where some prisoners are working; it was only natural that it should be surrounded by barbed wire, guard towers, and patrols with dogs, it added.

The four-minute film was said in the West to *depict a labour* camp near Riga, where prisoners were held in intolerable conditions. A Western TV commentator had said it included political prisoners.

The Soviet weekly instead painted an almost glowing account of the conditions at the "corrective labour colony" and at *other prison* camps. Its reporter, after touring the site near Riga, said: "Concerning the guard, tower and wire (in the film), *it is most certain* that while persons sentenced to deprivation of freedom continue working at the projects, measures to guard them will naturally have to be continued."

The reporter found no political prisoners, only criminals charged with stealing, forgery, rape, armed holdups, *hooliganism* "and killing people in car accidents."

Conditions in the camp were very good, though of course "not like a vacation camp." Prisoners served terms under "strict disciplinary rules and according to a strict time table, working six days a week and eight hours a day."

Life in the colony "cannot be labelled attractive," the reporter wrote. "However, even though conditions in the colony are severe, there is nothing which diminishes human dignity.

"Attempts are made to bring culture and information to individuals who have gravely offended society, to teach them the love of work and respect of other people," he said. He described educational facilities, "costly machinery" and other facilities available to prisoners.

"After serving their sentences many of the inmates come out to be skilled experts and continue their studies," he added.

The reporter suggested the film violated the detente spirit of the August 1 Helsinki declaration which concluded the European conference on security and cooperation.

The reporter asked, "does a provocative broadcast of French TV, which is an official organ, and the ballyhoo by other mass media in the West favour the principles proclaimed in this (Helsinki) historical document?" *(AP, UPI, Reuter)*

South African help may be a liability in Angolan war

By JOHN BORRELL

NAIROBI. — As the OAU prepares to hold an extraordinary summit on Angola in Addis Ababa on January 10, it is becoming increasingly clear that South African involvement in the Angolan civil war has been largely counter-productive.

For although South African assistance has bolstered the pro-Western Unita and FNLA in their struggle against the Marxist MPLA, it has been insufficient to give them a clear-cut victory and it has alienated these two movements from a number of African states.

As a result, 15 African states have recognized the MPLA as the legitimate government of Angola, with at least four of them, including influential Tanzania and powerful Nigeria citing South African support for Unita and the FNLA as their reason for doing so.

Consequently, when the OAU heads of state meet in the Ethiopian capital next month, one third of the organization's 46 members will be backing the MPLA line.

What the pro-MPLA bloc will argue is that South African assistance to Unita and the FNLA has made these two movements traitors to the African cause and lost them the right to represent the Angolan people.

Thus, they will argue, the OAU will have no choice but to withdraw its official recognition of the two movements which, in theory at least, would make it extremely difficult for countries like Zambia and Zaire *to provide* continued assistance.

This might seem a rather devious move considering that South African support for the two movements came only after Cuban troops had been landed to help the MPLA, and the Luanda-based movement started receiving huge quantities of Soviet arms.

But, as OAU Secretary-General William Eteki-Mboumoua has just told correspondents in Nairobi, the OAU makes a clear distinction between South African involvment in Angola and that of other foreign powers.

"To us South African involvement is a very *serious matter* because since the beginning of our organization they have been our principle enemies," he said.

But Eteki also admitted concern about Soviet involvement in Angola since, as he put it, Soviet intervention could lead to direct American involvement and produce another Vietnam situation.

Those States which support the idea of a government of national unity believe the OAU must condemn all foreign *involvement in* Angola and not just South Africa's. Those who believe a government of national unity is still possible despite the *bitterness* that the Angolan war has caused inside the country include such states as Zambia, Kenya, Tunisia and Zaire.

They want the *OAU to* call for the withdrawal of all foreign powers in Angola, and then for the warring groups in the country to *form an interim coalition government*. These countries want the OAU to set up an observer or peacekeeping force to ensure that proper elections are held.

But the MPLA, which is now gaining the upper hand in the civil war, has made it clear that it will accept none of this and, by January 10, it could be bargaining from a position of even greater strength.

The MPLA has been aware ever since the provisional government was formed in January that it stands no real chance of winning power through elections since its *Umbundu tribal power base* is too small.

Angola's largest single tribe is the Ovimbundu which, following the departure of nearly all the country's whites, probably accounts for 40 per cent of the total population. It is the power base of Dr. Jonas Savimbi's Unit, which would receive majority support in any reasonably fair election.

Furthermore, if the Unita-FNLA alliance was maintained, the two pro-Western *movements* could expect something like 70 per cent of the total vote.

The MPLA has always under*stood what* a democratic head count would mean, and it was for this reason that they decided early this year to win through force of arms what would almost certainly be denied to them through the ballot box.

The MPLA's position is being strengthened diplomatically by South Africa's continued involvement on the side of Unita and the FNLA, and any military gains the South African-backed groups make are clearly being offset by the diplomatic reversals. *(Ofns)*

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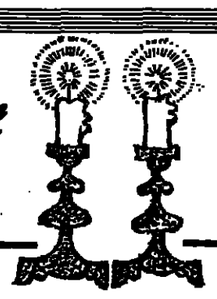

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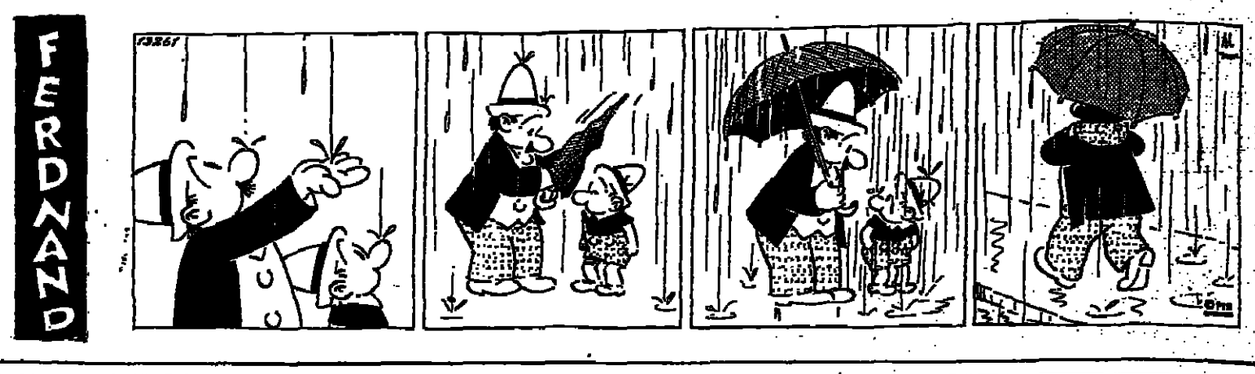

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2nd Programme: 6.05 a.m., 7.00, 8.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, 12.00, 1.00 p.m., 2.00, 3.00, 4.00, 5.00, 6.00, 9.00, 10.00, 11.00, midnight and 1.00 a.m.
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FIRST PROGRAMME
258, 522 and 221 M.

7.58 a.m. Opening. 8.10 "Morning Concert" Smetana: "Richard the Third" (Kubelik); Joachim: Violin Concerto. 9.05 Glazounov: The Seasons; Dello Joio: Serenade. 10.05 Book Review. 10.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 10.35 "Radiodes." 11.00 News in Easy Hebrew. 11.05 Ivrit La'am. 11.15 Programmes for Elementary Schools. 11.35 Bizet: Suite from "Carmen"; Bernstein: 3 Dance Episodes. 12.05 Mozart: Trio, K. 498 (Steinberg-Lesser-Neumark); Milhaud: Viola Sonata No. 1; Schumann: "Fairy Tales." 1.05 Midday Concert — Mozart: "The Magic Flute" Overture (Walter); Paganini: Violin Concerto No. 6 (World Premiere). 1.55 Programme Trailer. 2.10 Mother and Child. 3.05 "With Rabbi Shragа Shinfeld."

4.05 (Stereo) — Jer. Symph. Orch. Bertini — Bruckner — "Te Deum"; Symphony No. 1. 6.07 "People and Figures." 6.30 This Week's Review of Jewish Affairs. 6.55 For the Farmer. 7.05 "Today." 7.50 Bible Reading: Yeshaayahu, chaps 29 and 30. 8.05 "Public Opinion." 8.55 "Five to Nine." 9.05 "A Moment of Hebrew." 9.06 (Stereo) "New Horizons" — works by Ligeti, Halffter, Zender. 10.05 "This is Studio One" — Magazine. 11.05 (Stereo) Mahler's Fourth Symphony. 12.10 A Moment of Poetry. 12.13 Close Down.

SECOND PROGRAMME
487, 423, 249, 393 and 343 M.

5.58 a.m. Opening. 6.00 Religious Service. 6.10 Gymnastics. 6.20 Musical Clock. 6.55 Programme Announcements. 6.59 A Moment of Hebrew. 7.05 "This Morning." 7.35 Hebrew Songs. 7.55 Green Light. 8.10 "Good Mornings." 8.55 Announcements. 9.05 "Good Morning" (cont.) 10.05 Here at Home. 11.45 A Few Moments With... 12.05 "Programme for the Worker and the Employer." 12.30 Hebrew Songs. 12.45 "Who, Where, When?" 1.05 p.m. At Midday. 2.10 Requests. 3.05 "This is Ehud Manor." 3.55 Names and events in the Jewish Scene. 4.10 "This is Ehud Manor." 5.10 "Once There Were..." — Songs of the past. 6.45 Today's Sport. 6.55 Announcements. 9.05 A Moment of Hebrew. 9.06 A Selection of Songs from the Hit Parade. 10.05 "It's Close to my Heart." 11.05 "Between Ourselves." 1.05 Close Down.

FIFTH PROGRAMME
445 M.

6.58 a.m. Opening. 7.00 News. 7.05 Song and Melody. 8.00 News. 8.05 Song and Melody (cont.).

IMMIGRANTS' HOUR
437, 422, 258, 385 and 346.5 M.

7.00 p.m. News in easy Hebrew, Ivrit La'am. 7.15 Georgian. 7.30 Yiddish. 8.00 Ladino. 8.15 Mograbi. 8.30 Rumanian. 8.45 Russian. 9.00 Close Down.

ENGLISH NEWS AND PROGRAMMES

7.00 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.00-2.30 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.00 p.m. (4th programme); 8.00-8.15 p.m. (4th programme); 10.00-10.55 p.m. (short waves).

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Arabic: 6.30 News. 6.32 Quiz. 6.45 Special Programme for Christmas. 7.30 News.

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7.15 a.m. (4th programme and short waves); 2.30-3.00 p.m. (4th programme and short waves); 6.05 p.m. (4th programme); 8.15-8.30 p.m. (4th programme); 12.00-1.00 a.m. (short waves).
4th Programme — 407, 445 and 292 M.
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TEL AVIV
4.30, 7.15, 9.30

ALENBY: An American in Paris; **BEIT YEHUDA:** Night Moves; **CHEN:** Exodus 4.30, 8.30; **CINEMA ONE:** Dear Parents; **CINEMA TWO:** The Night Porter, 10, 12, 2, 4.30, 7.15, 9.30; **CINERAMA:** Beyond the Door, 7.15, 9.30; **DEKEL:** Lies My Father Told Me, 7.15, 9.30; **DRIVE-IN:** Fables from Hans Christian Andersen; 5.15; Passenger in the Rain, 7.15; The Italian Connection, 9.30; **ESTHER:** Race with the Devil; **GAT:** Love and Death; **GORDON:** The Student Connection, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30; **HOD:** Report to the Commissioner; **LIMOR:** Vous intéressez-vous la chose? 7.30, 9.30; **MAXIM:** Beyond the Door; **MOGRABI:** Inside Out; **OPHIR:** The Man From Hong Kong; **ORLY:** The Night Porter, 4.30, 7, 9.30; **PARIS:** Lucky Lady, 10, 12, 2, 4, 7.15, 9.30; **PEER:** The Romantic Englishwoman; **RAMAT AVIV:** Crazy Joe, 7.15, 9.30; **ROYAL:** Ship of Fools; **STUDIO:** La Cugina; **TEL AVIV:** Take a Hard Ride; **TCHELET:** The Producers; **ZAFON:** [illegible] Chat et le Souris.

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RAMAT GAN

ARMON: The Mean Machine, 7.15, 9.30; **HADAR:** Funny Lady, 7, 9.30; **LILI:** The Emigrants, 7, 9.30, Mats. at 4, Artists in Uniform; **OASIS:** Exodus, 4.30, 8.30; **ORDEM:** Emmanuelle, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMA:** Grey Horse, 7.15, 9.30; **RAMAT GAN:** Take a Hard Ride, 7.15, 9.15.

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4, 6.45, 9

AMPHITHEATRE: Open Season; **ARMON:** The Mean Machine; **ATZMON:** All Darling; **CHEN:** Judith; **MIRON:** The Angry Bear; **MORIAH:** Keep it up Jack, 6.45, 9; **OREDAN:** A Mother's Honour; **ORAN:** Scenes from a Marriage, 4.30, 8.30; **ORION:** Greta; **ORLY:** Lenny, 6.45, 9; **PEER:** Peepers in the Hotel Room; **RON:** The Night Porter; **SHAVIT:** Can You Keep it up For a Week? 6.45, 9.

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SINESS & FINANCE

AVIV STOCKS:

ack to normal; bonds up

AVIV. — Trade on the Tel Stock Exchange seems to returned to normal, at least ar as the size of turnover is rned. It would appear that members have made up their s where to go in light of the rnment's recent economic steps. aders, evidently taking ad- ge of the comparatively low s of index-linked bonds, were ng and, as a result, long-term ities, which the Bank of Is- had been forced to support ar in the week, rose between and two-and-a-half points. Those s in the 6.5 per cent series three to six points while op- l bonds rose to six points. e turnover in bonds came to IL16.7m.

The Natad dollar, which had been falling the past few days, rose nine points to stand at IL8.76 following a demand for $640,000. Some $257,000 were traded.

Stocks rose slightly on small turnovers. The total turnover of stocks came to IL2.2m., of which IL616,000 was in the variables. The general index of share prices rose by 0.32 per cent to stand at 127.71.

Among the more active stocks were Bank Leumi, down half a point to 207 (132,900); Tefahot down two points to 224.5 (7,500); Neot Aviv up 6.5 points to 138 (15,500); Elco IL1 up 14 to 284 (3,000) and Paz up seven points to 180 (23,000).

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Isr. Land Dev.	b	141	134
Solel Boneh–10% pref.	b	157	151
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Neot Aviv	r	138	131.5
Pri Or Ltd.	r	261	263
Rassco – 8% pref.	r	127	125
Rassco	r	81	80
INDUSTRIAL			
Alliance – B	r	610	600
Elco – 2.5	b	143	148.5
Electra – 5	r	148	148
Elite	r	239	240
Argaman – 8%	b	125.5	126
Ata – B	r	345	346
Dubek 8% pref.	b	125.5	127
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Paz	b	180	173
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Ampa	r	137	137
Discount	b	222.5	223.5
United Mizrahi	b	150	151
Leumi	r	195	195
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ALL STREET

Closing Wed., December 24, 1975

Day of bargain hunting

W YORK. — Bargain hunters ing toward a hoped-for year rally pushed the stock market adly higher in an abbreviated ristmas Eve session yesterday. ding was fairly active. okers listed a variety of favour- influences in the news, including dent Ford's signing this week energy legislation and a bill to inue the 1975 tax cuts through first half of 1976. But they said market owed most of its ngth to investors' belief that y stocks were presently at bargain levels because of the temporary downward pressure of end-of-the-year tax selling.

The Dow Jones average of 30 industrials, up 5.12 on Tuesday, gained another 8.19 to close at 851.94. Advances outnumbered declines 1,087 to 303 among the 1,793 issues traded on the New York Stock Exchange.

Volume totalled 11.15 million shares for the four-hour session, compared with 17.75 million in the full six hours of activity on Tuesday. The exchange's composite index climbed 0.41 to 47.18. *(AP)*

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Ch	32 1/8	Citicorp	29 1/4	Getty O	161 1/2	Mobil Oil	47	Sony	9 1/8
Str	45 3/4	Cities Svc	38 5/8	Gillette	33 1/4	Monogm	6 5/8	South Ry	49 3/4
Chal	11 5/8	Coca-Cola	83 1/4	Goodric	17 5/8	Monsan	75 1/4	Sperry Rnd	39 1/2
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The unemployment illusion

By MOSHE ATER
Jerusalem Post Economic Editor

WORRIES about impending unemployment are brushed aside by insiders, despite official warnings. Such people point to the persisting labour shortage, and to the economy's substantial employment capacity, which, they say, is far from fully exploited. Then, of course, one must consider the strong lobby of trade unions, which would fight tooth and nail any policy jeopardizing their members' jobs. Though the labour market has been weakening, a person willing to work can still find a job fairly easily, and in most cases he is offered several.

One convenient index of the employment situation is the ratio of persons registering with the labour exchanges as compared to job vacancies. In 1974 only 40 per cent of the vacancies could be filled by the labour exchange. In recent months this figure rose to some 55 per cent. But that spells that almost half the vacancies could not be filled.

About 40 per cent of the available positions are in factories, including several abroad. Shortage of skilled labour persists in all branches of metal industry, and in the production of electrical and electronic equipment. There are also vacancies in chemical and even food plants, while clothing factories as well complain about shortage of seamstresses — which serves to delay completion of export orders.

Contrary to rumours which circulated a few weeks ago, no substantial cuts have taken place in defence orders, and Israel Aircraft — which was said to be laying off thousands of workers — is actually taking on additional ones, though on a more selective basis. Israel Shipyards were given work permits for some 150 skilled personnel from abroad after attempts to find local people for the required jobs proved to be of no avail. A number of similar permits for vital jobs were given to other plants, not to mention the several hundred skilled foreign workers who have been brought here for various periods without the appropriate legalities.

With the huge stock of houses currently under construction, the bulk of building workers could be assured of employment for a long time yet, even though some may have to move to different jobs. Moreover, the decline in building starts is mainly affecting unskilled workers commuting from the administered areas, who still account for over a third of the building labour force of close to 90,000. As a matter of fact, many of these workers have already left — some estimates put the figure at about 9,000 — but have found alternative employment in the administered territories — where a building boom is under way (partly in the form of Government housing projects but mainly financed by private savings), in Jordan (where houses are mushrooming in order to provide accommodation for refugees and business moving out of Lebanon), and in the Gulf states (also engaged in a huge amount of construction activity). Building wages in Amman, and even more in Kuwait, are considerably higher than in this country, and the trend to work there is gaining ground.

Also, the effects of a drop in building on local industrial employment may turn out to be less than presumed. First, widespread expectancy of price rises — and possible shortages — is causing a buyers' spree, in particular for consumer durables. Retailers must therefore increase their orders with the local producers, to replenish depleted stocks.

Second, in many cases the filling of present vacancies may lead to increased demand for labour, which may have been complicated due to a lack of key personnel, such as foremen or workers of special skill. Thus, the Albar metal plant in Kfar Saba, the Lautman textile factory in Carmiel, and the brake bands plant now under construction in Dimona are expected to hire between them some 600 additional workers once they secure the necessary skilled personnel. Many other plants are in a similar position.

Third, some observers doubt whether dismissals are likely to assume major proportions, particularly in view of the strong reluctance of most employers to part with their workers — even when temporarily redundant — in view of the difficulty of eventually replacing them. Moreover, even in cases of outright bankruptcy, dismissals have been by and large avoided due to the financial aid readily offered by the authorities.

At present, the number of people receiving unemployment benefits is about 570, most of these in the academic professions. Several hundred academic and clerical workers are also meeting difficulties in finding suitable jobs close to their residence. However, the general employment situation is considered very good, and is unlikely to worsen much in the next year or so. Official statements to the contrary are seen to a large extent as a paper dragon, intended to weaken the trade unions' stance during the forthcoming renegotiation of the wage tariff agreements. However, though most union leaders are keeping a low profile, they are well aware of the actual employment prospects, and will hardly desist from pressing for substantial wage hikes.

Western innocents in Egypt

By IRENE BEESON

CAIRO. — THERE IS MUCH wailing and gnashing of teeth here from foreign businessmen, investors and newly-arrived residents. The lamentations are prompted by the fact that Cairo is not an identical twin of New York, Paris or London.

The foreign businessman's idea of Egypt is a strangely ambivalent one. On the one hand he visualises it as a country with few industries or banks, little know-how and a surplus of labour to be exploited at basement prices — an "under-developed" or "developing" country. At the same time, he expects to fly in to Cairo and find all the comforts, facilities, amenities and services he is accustomed to in his own country.

Problems start at Cairo airport. He does not collect his luggage and visa seconds after landing, as he feels he is entitled to do. He has to wait in a crowd of excited Egyptian "returnees" or Arab visitors who do not travel like Westerners.

GETTING TO the centre of Cairo, where his luxury hotel is located, is a nerve-racking experience, what with the shortage of taxis, the hold-ups, bottlenecks and near catastrophes on the way. At the hotel he is probably informed there is no reservation. After lengthy discussions and a suitable gratuity the matter is settled, however. The room or suite is fine — even if the price is steep — the view is magnificent, not that he will have time to waste on that, but ... the telephone splutters, growls and passes out on him. The plumbing is not all that it should be for an establishment of that class.

From then on everything, or nearly everything, goes awry. It is difficult or impossible to establish contacts. When appointments are made they are not kept. The brisk business talks he has rehearsed in his mind, culminating in instant contracts that will yield handsome profits, turn out to be only preliminary steps towards a second meeting on the next visit he had not planned. The army of cheap skilled labour that was, he believed, waiting for him to come and save it from destitution has fled to those petro-dollar-yielding Arab countries that pay handsomely. Many give up in despair and go away mumbling about Egyptian inefficiency, red tape, idleness, inability to get down to serious business, the terrible state of Cairo's streets, communications, and, of course, the plumbing.

The ordinary Egyptians who struggle along on meagre wages and foreign residents who have lived through Egypt's hardest times have little sympathy for these disappointed innocents in Cairo.

FEW FOREIGNERS chose to visit, let alone live in Cairo until the *Infitah* (economic opening-up) after the 1973 October war suddenly brought prospects of big business deals, handsome profits, setting up shop in "the cheapest country in the world" and escape from the tedium of inflation, taxation, depression at home. Where were these eager investors, traders, bankers and industrialists in past decades, when the West studiously turned its back on a country struggling to stand on its own independent feet, Egyptians ask.

Fed up with the grumblings and complaints they hear from foreigners who have suddenly "discovered" Egypt, Egyptians suggest that before flying to Cairo with high hopes of instant gains, businessmen should read the modern history of the country and look into Western attitudes to and relations with Egypt during the past 100 years. This would — or should — they suggest, help the foreigners to understand and, perhaps even sympathise with, the Egyptians for much that is wrong here. *(Ofns)*

IN THE SUPREME COURT SITTING AS HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE
Before Justices Berinson, Kahn and Shamgar.
Ephraim Koren, Petitioner, v. 1. Minister of Defence. 2. Military Commander of Judea and Samaria, Respondents (H.C. 600/75).

The Jerusalem Post LAW REPORT
Edited by Doris Lankin

A man with no standing

THE HIGH COURT of Justice dismissed a petition for an order *nisi* calling upon the Minister of Defence to show cause why he should not take all necessary steps within his competence to bring to trial persons calling themselves the Alon-Moreh Settlers who had occupied the old railway station at Sebastia.

The petitioner, who described himself in his petition as a citizen and resident of Israel and the National Secretary of Young Mapam, claimed that the settlers' conduct had affected him personally as it hampered his educational activities amongst the younger generation and prejudiced his social and political relations with the inhabitants of Judea and Samaria.

DECISION

Justice Shamgar, who handed down the decision of the High Court, noted that the first question to be resolved by the High Court was whether the petitioner had standing, within the legal meaning of this term. It has been held on several occasions in the past, he said, that a petitioner is not vested with standing before the High Court only because he is interested in preventing something being done which, in his opinion, is unlawful. For it is not just anyone who can move the High Court of Justice to exercise powers of review and intervention. On the contrary, it is only a person who has a real, personal interest in a matter who is entitled to appear before the High Court. This personal interest, he continued, can take the form of a violation of an express legal right belonging to the petitioner, or to a section of the public to which he belongs, or it can take the form of a violation of a personal interest which is both concrete and direct (see H.C. 40/70, 1 P.D. 24/247, and others). In other words, held Justice Shamgar, the system of law practised in Israel does not recognize the right of the individual to bring an action on behalf of the general public.

In the case under consideration, he continued, the petitioner's interest was too abstract and general to vest him with standing before the High Court, since his complaints were aimed, for the most part, against the choice of action adopted by the security authorities, while his own personal interests had not been directly affected. Furthermore, he added, anyone who seeks to complain to the High Court on grounds that the civil, or military, authorities in charge of enforcing the law are not carrying out their duties properly, must first show that he had approached the authorities concerned, had asked them to enforce the appropriate law, and they had unlawfully refused to comply with his request.

In other words, concluded Justice Shamgar, even if a petitioner does have formal standing, the portals of the High Court would not be open to him unless he has first approached the authorities against whom he finds cause for complaint. For such preliminary action, amongst other things, enables the High Court, to gauge, at least *prima facie*, by what reasons and considerations the competent authority had been moved to act as it did and whether there be room for exercising their powers of intervention.

As, therefore, the petitioner in the present case had no direct, personal interest in the matter and had, in addition, failed to take up his complaints with the respondents prior to petitioning the High Court, his petition was doomed to failure from the start, without entering into its merits.

— Decision given on December 4, 1975.

Libel suit against MK dropped

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Civil Servants' Union have dropped preparations for a libel suit against MK Pessah Grupper (Likud), following a rebuke from Labour Council secretary Eliezer Molk.

On Monday the union had demanded that Grupper's parliamentary immunity be suspended so it could sue him for libel for charges he raised of irregularities at Rambam Government Hospital. Grupper had asked the Minister of Health to investigate alleged payment of fictitious overtime and thefts at the hospital.

The Labour Council spokesman on Tuesday quoted Molk as saying the Histadrut should be the first to investigate charges of abuse. Preventing an investigation could tarnish the workers' reputation. If their innocence were established, showing the MK had either been misled or practised a "parliamentary stunt," then the Labour Council would be the first to call him to account for slandering the workers.

Grupper said on Tuesday that he had no objection to being called to account for his charges, which were based not on the evidence of discharged hospital employees, but on those still working there.

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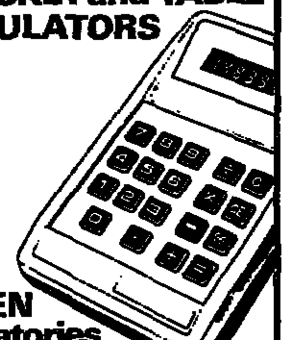

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SUMMARISED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.1974

	1974 Sterling (£1000)	1973
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Life Assurance & Annuity Account	—	—
Fixed Assets	10544	10303
Other Assets	80189	69488
	£154906	£142729

	1974 Sterling (£1000)	1973
Capital, Funds and Surplus	24653	21845
General Insurance Fund	49886	47529
Outstanding Claims	47830	39839
Other Liabilities	32537	33516
	£154906	£142729

DETAILS ON CONSOLIDATED INSURANCE BUSINESS & PROFITS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31.12.1974

	1974 Sterling (£1000)	1973
General Insurance Premium	88512	80509
Profit (Loss) in General Insurance	(584)	2772
Income from Investments less Deduction of Expenses not Debited to Revenue Account	10141	7981
Business Profits (Before Reserves)	5109	6702

B. DETAILS OF ISRAELI BUSINESS

INSURANCE BUSINESS AND PROFITS FOR THE YEAR 1974

	1974 Israel Pounds (IL1000)	1973
General Insurance Premium & Reg. Fees	1705	1121
Profit (Loss) in General Insurance	(64)	184
Investment Income after Deduction of Expenses not Debited to Revenue Account	8	5
Business Profit	(56)	189

ISRAEL INVESTMENTS AS AT 31.12.1974

	1974	1973
1. Liabilities in Israel	1053	545
2. Recognised Investment in Israel	968	756
3. (Deficit) Surplus of Investment in Israel	(85)	211

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Egged and the taxpayer

THE GOLOMB committee's second report on the bus cooperatives underlines a cardinal fault, which accounts for most of Egged's still-mounting losses. The enterprise has been abusing its position as a monopoly. It runs its affairs on a loose rein, in the hope that, as a concern with 6,300 members, it will always be fished out of trouble by the Government.

Its deficits are admittedly not due to increased salaries or other emoluments. The have been frozen (in real terms) for some years — the committee admits that. But Egged did little or nothing to reduce the members' benefits. They conduct themselves like a trade union, not a business company, and turn for aid to the authorities, as a works committee turns to its employer.

The expected loss this year is IL75m., which will raise Egged's accumulated deficit to IL350m. It owes IL47m. to its own pension fund, plus IL58m. in interest and linkage. It expects to be succoured. Yet the latest balance-sheet available on October 31 was the one for 1972/73, supplying what the committee calls sarcastically "archaeological information."

Egged suffers from a crippling shortage of liquidity. How to overcome it? The bus-men preferred to let a public committee, appointed by the Transport Minister, think up a solution.

The committee discovered that in 1967 the cooperative had handed over considerable assets to its members free of charge, including its own bus stations and other premises. It then proceeded to pay them a rental for the use of these facilities. Their value is now estimated at IL150m. They include also part-ownership of hotels, plots of land, a car-hire service, securities.

Recommended is that the members give it all back to the cooperative, in exchange for what amounts to bonus shares; that the cooperative sell these amenities for cold cash; and that the cash be used to pay off its most pressing debts.

Egged is now discussing with its members whether they will consent to make the sacrifice. More relevant is the question whether a buyer can be found for the assets, even if they are sacrificed. The committee proposes the Government as a buyer of the last resort. But the Government faces at this moment a situation of unprecedented financial stringency. Seeing that it cannot afford to build hospitals, there is considerable doubt whether it can afford to rescue high-salaried bus drivers from a dilemma created by their own improvidence.

With all that, it should be recognised that Egged's fares are cheap, and that its costs have soared for reasons not altogether under its control. A solution must be found, to prevent Israel's intra-urban bus service from seizing up.

But the first contribution to such a solution must come from the cooperative itself. The happy days when "Sapir will pay" are over. If there is any belt-tightening to be done, the members must give the example by doing it first. They cannot expected to pass on the entirety of their debts to the taxpayer.

Dry Bones

ISRAEL PRESS

'Golan not Ford's business'

MA'ARIV (independent), commenting on the latest message from President Ford to Prime Minister Rabin on the establishment of additional settlements on the Golan Heights, says that if the message in fact contained a demand that Israel refrain from creating settlments anywhere beyond the 'green line,' then it is easy to understand why it was rejected by the Prime Minister. "Such a demand is not in keeping with the accepted practices in relations between sovereign states," says the paper.

YEDIOT AHRONOT (independent) writes: Dr. Kissinger, who has urged Israel not to establish additional settlements on the Golan Heights, and whose message was rejected (rightly) by Prime Minister Rabin, would not dare issue instructions publicly to the Arabs — in order to show the world who is 'boss.' The Rabin-Kissinger honeymoon is over," the paper says.

AL HAMISHMAR (Mapam) says that during his Middle East tour Alfred Atherton apparently attempted to bridge the wide gap between the sides as January 12 approaches, but "in Syria he encountered obduracy, leaving no room for illusions. Damascus is intent on transferring further debate from Geneva to the Security Council, and insists on the participation of the PLO.

"The U.S. will not relax its efforts to find a reasonable compromise, this too explains the forthcoming visit of Foreign Minister Allon to Washington. In the past few weeks, Israel has stepped up its efforts to break through its isolation, which has intensified over the past few years."

After Tito—?

Israeli journalist TEDDY PREUSS recently visited Yugoslavia. Here is his report, the first of three.

THE SITUATION in Yugoslavia today is like that in Spain on the eve of Franco's death. President Tito's possible departure from the earthly scene is no longer taboo as a subject of conversation and nearly every Yugoslav citizen talks about it. The President is 83, and since there are few centenarians nowadays, it is obvious that Tito's days are practically numbered. Like any other elderly head of state, Tito does not like to talk about death, retirement or transfer of power, but as in all similar positions, the problem casts a heavy shadow of uncertainty over the country.

Nevertheless, a national council to ensure continuity of rule was established as long ago as 1971. But since then many things have occurred to change its complexion. Some of its members were ousted for one kind of deviation or another (generally "bourgeois" or nationalistic); others quit of their own free will because of differences of opinion with the President. This created an atmosphere of uncertainty. In addition, the personalities who had been designated to fill the vacuum of power that would follow Tito's death have left or been removed, so that the question of succession is still far from clear... if this kind of question can at all be clear. It is in the nature of things that the vacuum left by powerful people is relative in size to the strength of their personalities, and this is also true for Yugoslavia. But there may be additional complications in this problematical country.

TITO'S GREATEST accomplishment has been the relative domestic peace that he achieved between the various national groups that make up Yugoslavia. The second most important feat has been the way he has stood up to external pressures and thus guaranteed independence for Yugoslavia. By skilfully walking a tightrope between East and West Tito managed to obtain political and economic advantages for his country at considerable risk to himself. A third achievement has been the relative freedom prevailing in Yugoslavia, which is incomparably greater than in any other Communist country.

These three accomplishments were due to a great extent to Tito's character and abilities, and it is not at all certain that his successors — whoever they may be — will be able to preserve them.

Indeed, today, in the twilight of Tito's life, there are already some signs of regression in most of these fields, of a retreat the end of which is not visible. Three years ago, there were riots of a nationalistic character in Croatia, the second most important republic in Yugoslavia, which led to the ouster of a large part of the party leadership in Zagreb.

This suggests that ethnic nationalism has still not subsided, that its flame still smoulders beneath the political embers. The purge diminished to a considerable extent the relative freedom in Yugoslavia, thus damaging one of Tito's major accomplishments.

The situation took a turn for the worse when outside elements increased activities aimed at undermining the regime. The Yugoslavs, indeed, while emphasizing that such activities are not the monopoly of any one power still often mention the C.I.A. But there seems no room for doubt that the address is Moscow and not Washington. Unofficially, the Yugoslavs argued — probably with some truth — that Croatian Fascists all over the world enjoy support from the Soviets. They raised a similar argument regarding the island of national peace in their country.

The Bulgarians have never given up their historical claims on Yugoslavite Macedonia, and have always emphasized that from an ethnic point of view, Macedonia should belong to Bulgaria. The Yugoslavs do not believe — and surely they are right here, too — that without the blessings of the Soviet Union the most disciplined and willing of Moscow's satellites would not make such demands. Similar, if lesser fears exist in relation to the Hungarian minority in the republic of Vojvodina, the Albanian minority in Kosovo and the Italian and Austrian irredentists.

LATELY, there has been increased activity by neighbouring countries which has aroused serious anxiety in the country. (The Austrian army held manoeuvres near the Yugoslav border without first notifying Yugoslavia.) In this case, too, the Yugoslavs did not forget to mention the C.I.A. But it is impossible to escape the impression that the whole thing is being done as a show of "even-handedness." There is no real doubt that the suspicion is concentrated on Moscow and its protectorates. It is true that an American engineer (of Yugoslav origin) received a long prison sentence when convicted on charges of industrial espionage but the only other cases of imprisonment so far have been among supporters of Moscow. Many scores of suspects with ties to the Soviet Union have been suddenly imprisoned, and in Belgrade there are whispers that it is only the beginning.

The matter was raised in discussions (described as "tough" by the Yugoslavs) held by Foreign Minister Minic and the Secretary-General of the Communist alliance, Stane Dolanc, during his last visit to Moscow. As a result of these discussions, "Pravda" published an article withdrawing somewhat from support of underground activities in Yugoslavia, but the retreat has not allayed anxieties in Belgrade. More than on Soviet promises, the Yugoslavs depend on their own determination to fight, if there be need, and on their security forces, which are very active.

However, the Soviets will be able to go on stirring the Yugoslav pot, which is what the Yugoslavs are afraid of. And many of them fear things even more serious.

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VIEWPOINT

Tougher economic policies will lead to even more bankruptcies, so there is an urgent need for a new law to protect honest bankrupts, writes S.S. ASSAF.

Honest debtors need help

THERE ARE NEARLY 10,000 names on the "Consolidated List of Bankrupts — 1975," compiled by the Official Receiver at the Ministry of Justice, but the list does not distinguish between the honest man whose business happened to fail, and the fraudulent crook who intentionally abused the economic system and bankruptcy proceedings.

The purposes of the Bankruptcy Law are to put a stop to commercial fraud while freeing business initiative in general, from threat of criminal penalties, in the event of unintentional failure. The law attempts to distribute the bankrupt's assets equitably among his creditors, and, in most cases, discharge him from further liability. Yet, less than 10 per cent of all bankruptcy proceedings in Israel are instituted by creditors. More than 90 per cent of the listed bankrupts have voluntarily instituted their own bakruptcy proceedings. Only a few thousand of them are businessmen whom the Bankruptcy Law was intended to help.

A cursory survey of the list shows that the majority are in fact neither honest merchants nor commercial crooks. Most of them are described as having callings ranging from clerks and industrial workers to mechanics, agricultural labourers, and housewives. They are on the bankruptcy list merely because they failed to pay their creditors for goods supplied.

Every year some 400 people are adjudged bankrupts, most of them because they were unable to complete payments for expensive durable goods purchased beyond their economic capacities. A glimpse into the history of their failure to pay reveals the convergence of various psycho-sociological factors which made them not only covet expensive furniture, refrigerators, washing machines, television and stereo sets or other durable household goods, but actually buy them. In most cases they are honest people who could not resist the pressures of their family or their social environment, and fell victim to a combination of advertising and the easy but expensive credit offered by the salesmen.

Since they buy beyond their economic capacity to pay, they fail. The supplier brings suit. There is a court order. The original debt plus additional interest and the creditor's legal expenses, have to be paid. The court order does not improve the debtor's economic ability to pay — so they fail again and again. The result is a petition by the creditors to have them arrested for default. The debtor, who is unable to pay, is eligible for what Justice Haim Cohn of the Supreme Court called "a life sentence of 21 days each month, for no other crime but being poor." Haunted by these monthly arrest-orders, the debtor looks despairingly for help. Either directly or through the intervention of a local welfare agency or a local citizen's advice bureau, he seeks legal aid which immediately prescribes voluntary bankruptcy proceedings.

THE AVAILABILITY of bankruptcy proceedings for any debtor who owes more than IL50 and against whom a court order for default has been made, adds hundreds of new names to the bankruptcy list every year. Now, with the proposed 1976 budget and the new economic emergency plan, a considerable increase in the number of bankruptcies is likely.

The Israeli will have to tighten his belt in the coming year, pay more indirect taxes, spend more for basic commodities, pay more for the social services the members of his household needs, and reduce his living standards drastically. Many honest people will find it impossible to complete instalment payments on the expensive goods they purchased recently or last year. Once declared bankrupt, they are kept on the list until they are released by the courts.

There is no difference in law between the three different categories of bankrupts: (a) The honest businessman whose assets have to be administered and equitably distributed among his creditors; (b) The fraudulent crook who has to be punished and strictly controlled; and (c) The poor and honest man, a victim of both his poverty and the economic system.

It is for this reason that almost 10,000 people are listed for long periods as bankrupts, their economic activity curtailed and their legal status smeared. At the same time, this long list is a burden to the authorities, who have no legal powers to differentiate between the three categories.

Legislative initiative is necessary to allow this differentiation. It should be made possible to prescribe a limited period of bankruptcy status for the honest man, followed by automatic release, and a long period for the certified crook. The latter should not be released, without a probationary period, until he pays back all his debts.

In order to save the poor from the traps of expensive outlays, social services should implement the unfinished Hazani programme of supplying indispensable household furniture and equipment to the needy. More than 13,000 families were equipped by that programme over the last three years. It supplied furniture, refrigerators and washing machines to poor large families.

But there are still 8,000 families identified as eligible who were not helped. The aged poor and the poor unattached individual were not even made eligible. Yet the programme slowed down during 1975 and now has been doomed to die, without reaching even its first goal, by the 1976 budget proposal.

In any case, legislative initiative should be considered which would make it impossible for salesmen to bring suit against poor debtors for debts incurred by a commercial transaction, if the Vendor did not take all reasonable precautions to establish the economic capacity of the buyer.

Another urgent amendment is necessary to treat the honest man as fairly as the law treats companies.

ALL HONEST DEBTORS who find themselves unable to pay their debts and on the brink of bankruptcy, should be allowed voluntarily to approach the Official Receiver at the Ministry of Justice or the court, provide a list of their known creditors, and call a meeting with them to negotiate a compromise, without the costly expenses of litigation and without the embarrassing procedure of bankruptcy. Companies can already do so under Section 117 of the Companies Law.

So long as our law allows imprisonment for default of payment of debt, it will be unfair to the poor if they are not allowed to institute their own bankruptcy (if no compromise is reached with their creditors). But the law should be amended as suggested above. Then the "Consolidated List of Bankrupts" would contain no more than a few hundred names.

READERS' LETTERS

ODIOUS COMPARISON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — With reference to the letter of David R. Oren from Richmond, Va. (December 17), I would like to tell this gentleman that disgust is the only word I can find to describe his comparison of Israel's December 1 bombing raid of the terrorist bases in Lebanon with the murderous attacks of Arab terrorists against civilian targets in Israel.

Mr. Oren describes our raid as if its only purpose was to kill exclusively innocent Arab women and children. He chooses to ignore the raid's one and only objective — to act against those who plan to kill our women and children. Against those cold-blooded murderers who hide behind their own women's skirts, causing themselves their civilian casualties, bearing themselves the guilt and responsibility for their deaths.

What does Mr. Oren propose that we do? Probably, that we keep on burying the victims of Arab massacres and bear our fate honourably and humbly. He doesn't want us to strike back or to prevent tragedies in store for us.

Unfortunately for Mr. Oren, the world has never wept over Jewish blood, but feels very strongly about Arab casualties — and so, as a result of every Israeli act of self-defence, a new fresh wave of anti-Semitism arises. An unpleasant experience for Mr. Oren, who safely stuck in Richmond, far away from the threats and nightmare of terrorist attacks, started to feel ashamed of being a Jew due to our anti-terrorist pre-emptive strikes. No wonder they bother him so much.

DANIELA FRISCH

Ramat Gan, December 18.

BRAVO KISHON

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post

Sir, — Bravo for printing Ephraim Kishon's article "O, for a strong regime" (December 18). I think it represents the yearning and longing of many citizens in this country. For a few months now, whenever I have the occasion to meet people and discuss the situation of our country, similar views are aired by nearly all of them, and this despite the fact that they may hold completely different political opinions ranging from the extreme right to the extreme left.

We all know that when Kishon writes satire, he is the best. But this article (and many similar ones) proves that the serious Kishon is also one of the best newspapermen we have in Israel.

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